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MAIN CHARACTERS

PRINCESS ASRIAL
Asrial is the eldest princess of Salusia, a planet of skunk-like humanoids. Usually sweet, gentle and kind, she also has a fierce temper and a strong sense of pride in her heritage. When angered, she demonstrates immense strength and a talent for producing power armor and weapons out of thin air. A natural mechanic/engineer, she is able to apply Salusia's advanced technology even to Earth machines.

ICHI-KUN "ITCHY KOO" ICHINOHEI
Ichi is the first-born daughter of the Ichinohei ninja clan and is heir to its leadership. Initially, Ichi is quite vain, selfish and conniving, but she quickly learns that there are better ways to treat people than that. Aside from her prodigious skills as a ninja, she also has a remarkable ability to pull giant mallets out of nowhere.

JEREMY FEEPLE
Jeremy is your average high-school student living in your not-so-average town. He's reasonably athletic, but no jock; reasonably intelligent, but no nerd. His father disappeared some years ago, and Jeremy's had to be the man of the house ever since. Despite his mother and little brother both being ninjas, Jeremy's never taken to that calling.

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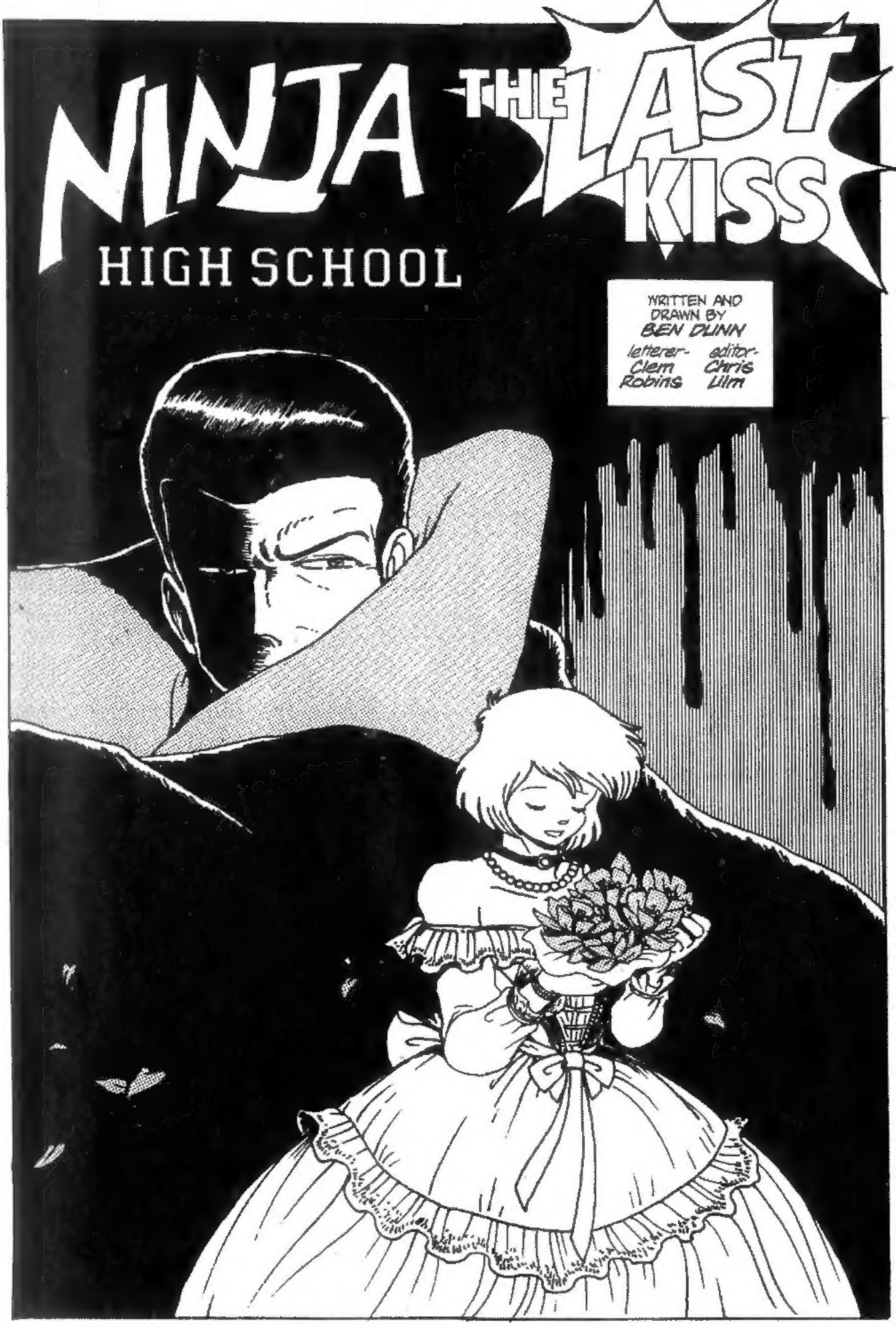
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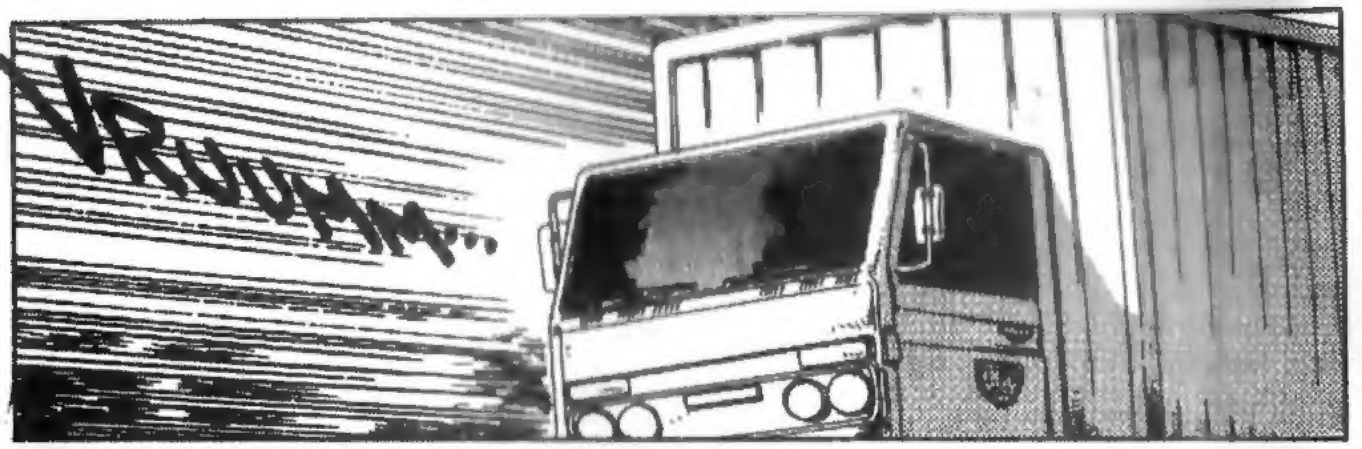
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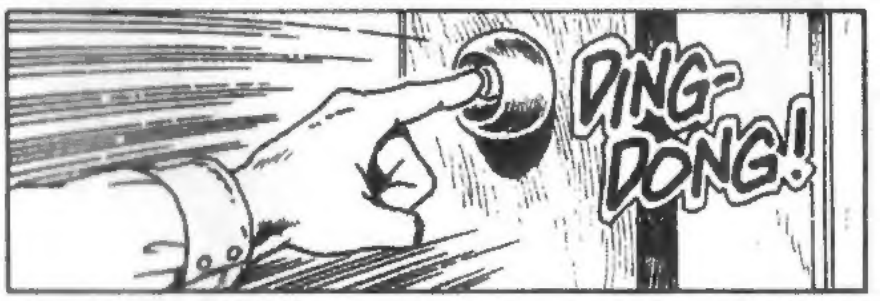
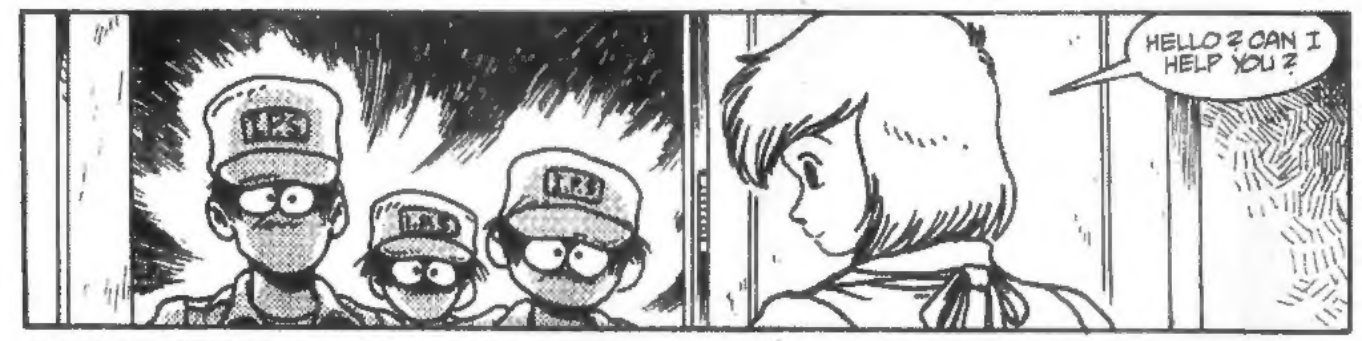
SKREEEE!!

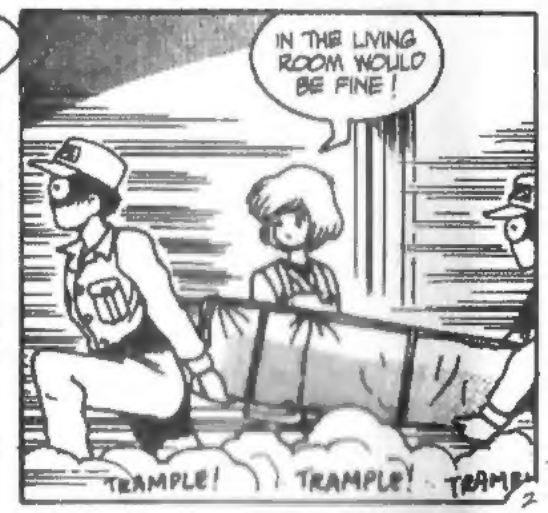

DING-DONG!

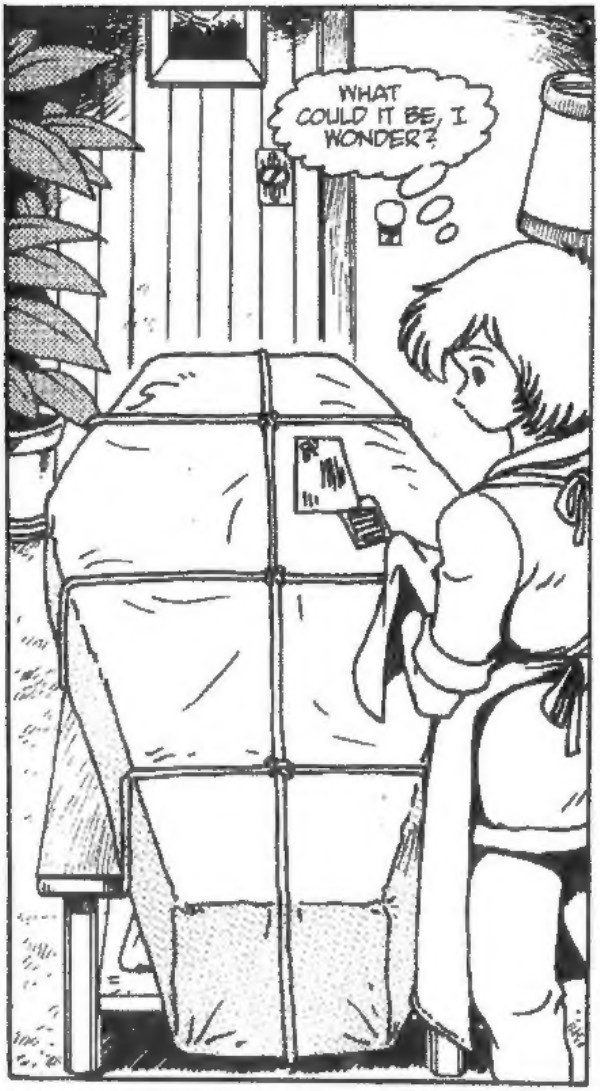
ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! I'M COMING!
DING-DONG! DING-DONG!


HELLO? CAN I HELP YOU?

PACKAGE FOR YOU...PLEASE SIGN HERE.

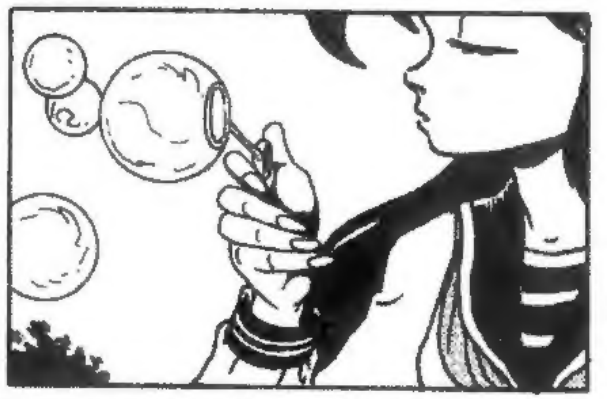
OH, MY...I WONDER WHAT IT COULD BE?
SIGN. SIGN.
WHERE DO YOU WANT IT?


IN THE LIVING ROOM WOULD BE FINE!
TRAMPLE!
TRAMPLE!


WHAT COULD IT BE, I WONDER?

I HOPE RICKY DIDN'T ORDER ANY MORE OF THOSE OUTRAGEOUS MAIL ORDER GIMMICKS!
HE'S SUCH AN IMPRESSIONABLE BOY.

OH, WELL... I'LL OPEN IT LATER.



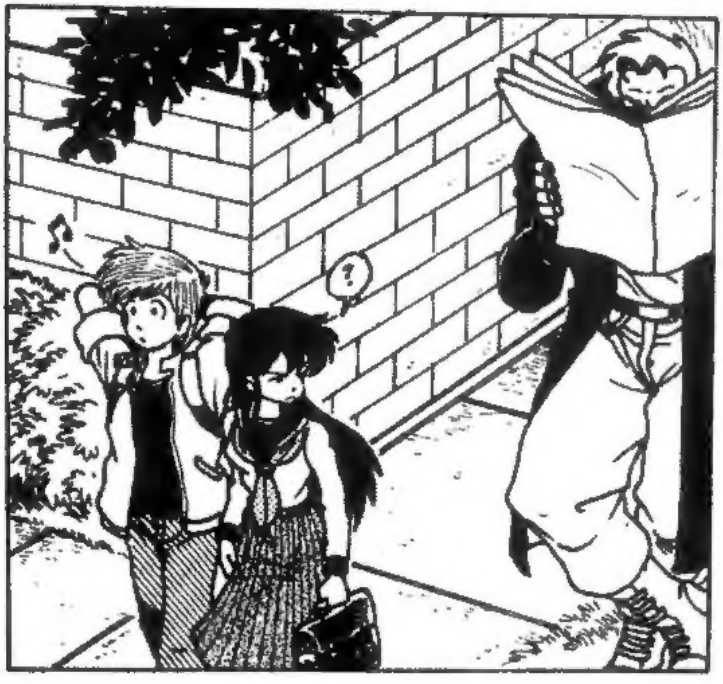
WHAT AN AMUSING LITTLE TOY.

JEREMY!
ICHI! I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HOME BY NOW!
LEAP
I DECIDED TO WAIT FOR YOU! I DIDN'T WANT YOU WALKING HOME BY YOURSELF!

WHY THAT'S AWFULLY NICE OF YOU, ICHI.
BESIDES, THAT PESKY ASRIAL MIGHT BE AROUND.

TOO BAD ABOUT YOUR FATHER, JEREMY.
MOM TOOK IT RATHER WELL.

HE'LL RETURN SOMEDAY! I KNOW HE WILL!
WE MUSN'T GIVE UP HOPE.
I KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT JEREMY.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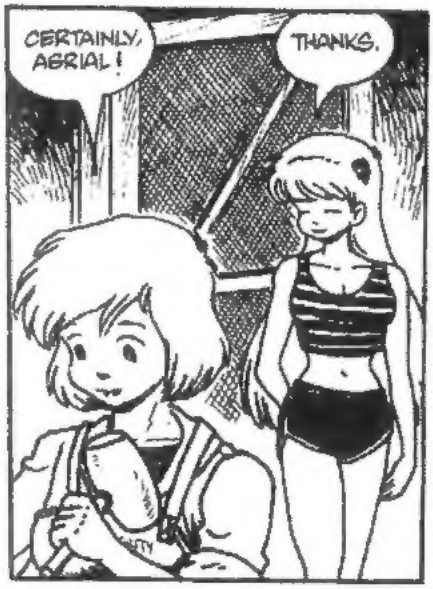
Hmmmm...

MS. FEEPLE?

HELLO, AGRIAL!
I WAS WONDERING IF I CAN BORROW YOUR BLOW-TORCH!
NINJA FLOUR

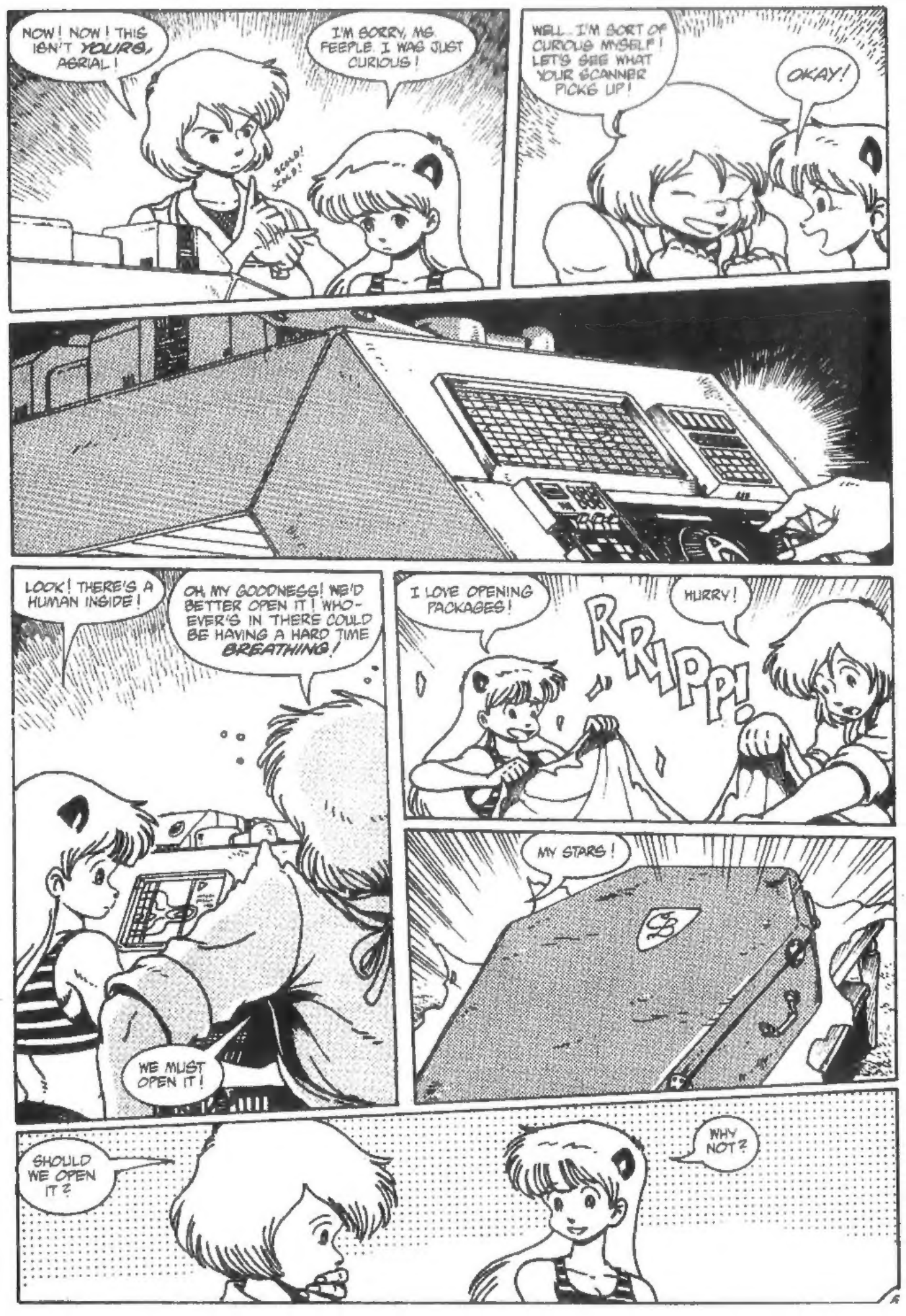

CERTAINLY, AGRIAL!
THANKS.

?

WOW!
WHAT'S IN THIS PACKAGE, MS. FEEPLE? IT SURE IS LARGE!

I WONDER WHAT'S IN IT?
ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!

AGRIAL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M JUST GOING TO SCAN WHAT'S INSIDE.


NOW! NOW! THIS ISN'T YOURS, AGRIAL!
I'M SORRY, MS. FEEPLE. I WAS JUST CURIOUS!
SCRUB! SCRUB!
WELL... I'M SORT OF CURIOUS MYSELF! LET'S SEE WHAT YOUR SCANNER PICKS UP!
OKAY!
LOOK! THERE'S A HUMAN INSIDE!
OH, MY GOODNESS! WE'D BETTER OPEN IT! WHOEVER'S IN THERE COULD BE HAVING A HARD TIME BREATHING!
WE MUST OPEN IT!
I LOVE OPENING PACKAGES!
RRIPPP!
HURRY!
MY STARS!
SHOULD WE OPEN IT?
WHY NOT?

KREEAK!
DOESN'T HE LOOK PEACEFUL?
LOOK, HE'S AWAKE!
GOOD DAY, SIR!
HHHIIIIEEEE...
COUGH! COUGH!
I ALWAYS GET DRY THROAT WHEN I AWAKEN!
SOMETIMES, I HAVE THAT PROBLEM TOO, BUT A CLEAN GLASS OF WATER DOES THE TRICK FOR ME!
ASRIAL, GO GET HIM SOME WATER!
RIGHT!
RUSH!
WHERE AM I?

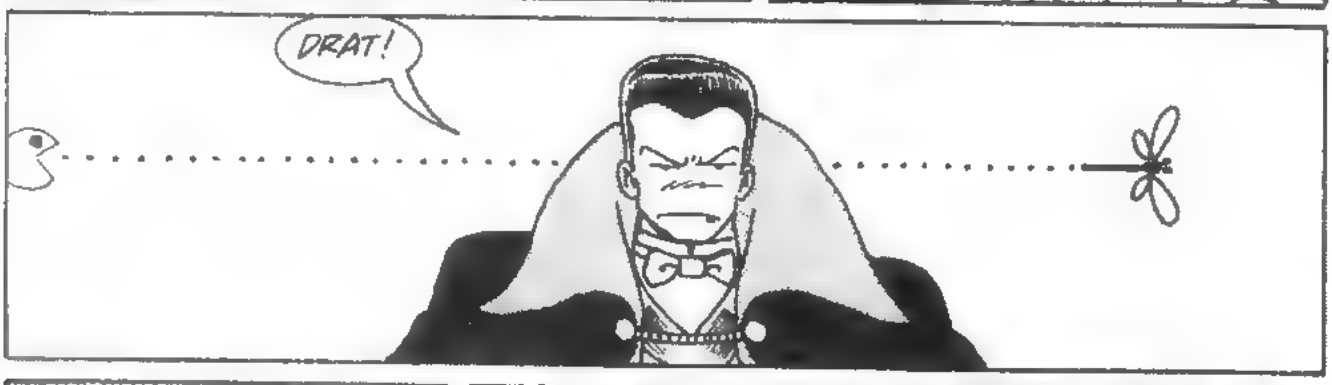
AH, BUT WHERE ARE MY MANNERS? I AM COUNT BOSCOE!
I AM MS ANNA FEEPLE!
AND THIS IS MY HOUSE!
ANNA! A BEAUTIFUL NAME I AM ENTRANCED!
OH, MY.
PRAY, ANNA, WHERE AM I?
QUAGMIRE
QUAGMIRE? THEN I'VE ARRIVED! THANK YOU FOR RECEIVING ME!
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, COUNT?
IT'S A LONG STORY ACTUALLY.
HERE'S YOUR WATER, SIR!
THANK YOU AND YOUR NAME?
ASRIAL!
ASRIAL? YOU LOOK VERY FAMILIAR.
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
I'M FROM SALUSIA
...CYLUTIA?
IT'S FUNNY ...I KNEW A GIRL WHO LOOKED JUST LIKE YOU.
THANK YOU FOR THE WATER.
YOU'RE WELCOME!

PLOP! PLOP! FIZZ! FIZZ!
?!
GURGLE GURGLE GURGLE!
MIGHTY TINY
AH, MUCH BETTER!
GETTING BACK TO WHY I AM HERE IT BEGINS SOMEWHERE IN THE TRANSYLVANIAN MOUNTAINS...

NOK! NOK!
YES?
COUNT BOSCOE?
I AM FROM THE STOKER COLLECTION AGENCY AND ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR PROPERTY TAX IN THE LAST TWO THOUSAND YEARS.
I MEANT TO SEND A CHECK!
SORRY, COUNT, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO VACATE THE PREMISES IMMEDIATELY!
BUT MY FAMILY HAS LIVED IN THIS CASTLE FOR YEARS!
WELL, YOU SHOULD HAVE PAID YOUR TAXES LIKE EVERYONE ELSE! THERE IS NO EXCEPTION!
BUT WHERE WILL I GO?
POINT.
YOU'RE A HEALTHY VAMPIRE! YOU OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO FIND WORK ELSEWHERE!
LOOK INTO MY EYES!
SORRY, COUNT! YOUR TRICKS WON'T WORK ON ME! I'VE HANDLED CASES LIKE YOU!
DO I NOT FRIGHTEN YOU?
I'D SAY GET A JOB AS A SEEING EYE DOG!

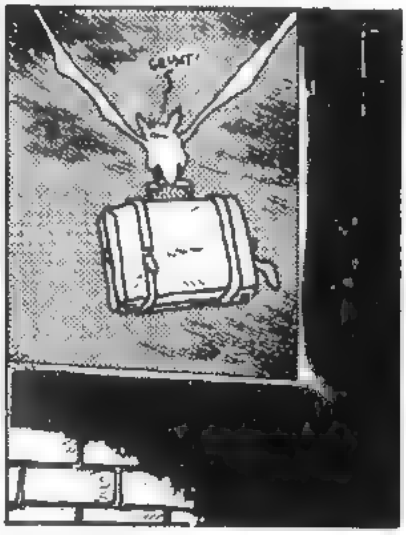
THEN I WILL BITE YOUR NECK!
TOOK THAT IN ACCOUNT!

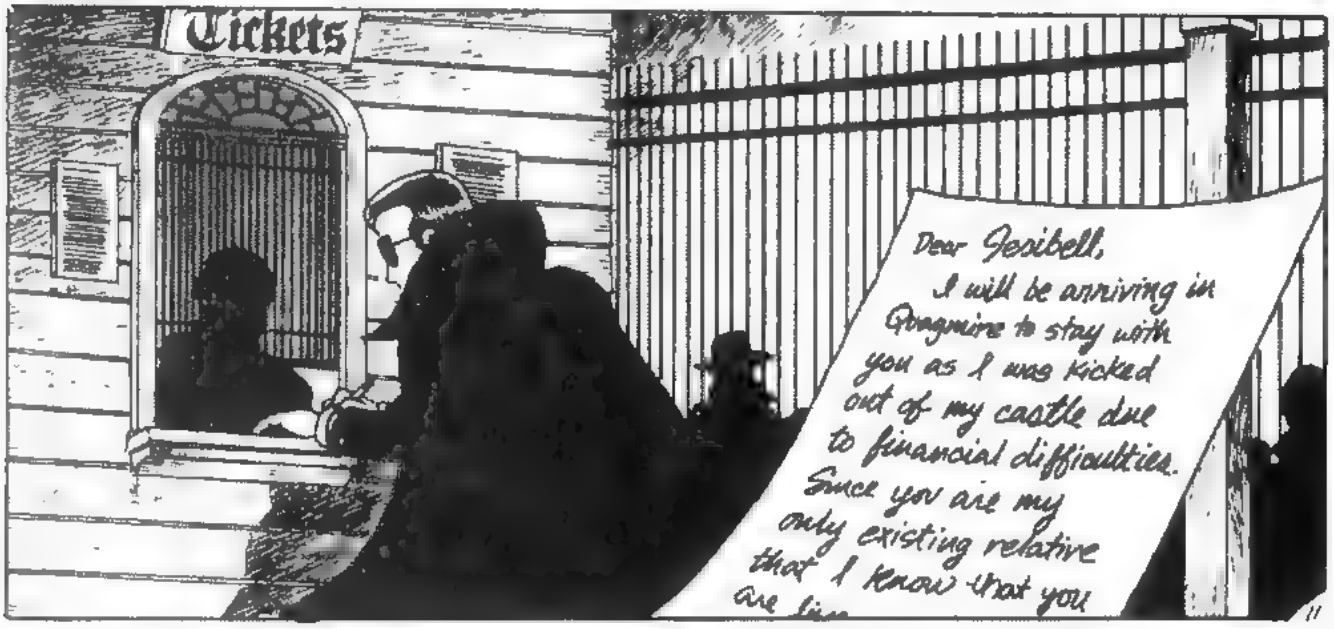
VAMPIRE-PROOF, YOU KNOW.


DRAT!

NICE TRY COUNT

SO THIS IS MY FATE! TO BE CAST OUT LIKE AN OLD SHOE!
NO PLACE FOR A DECENT, HONEST SERVANT OF THE UNDEAD THESE DAYS!


COUNT!


Tickets
Dear Jezibell,
I will be arriving in Gongmire to stay with you as I was kicked out of my castle due to financial difficulties. Since you are my only existing relative that I know that you are lin

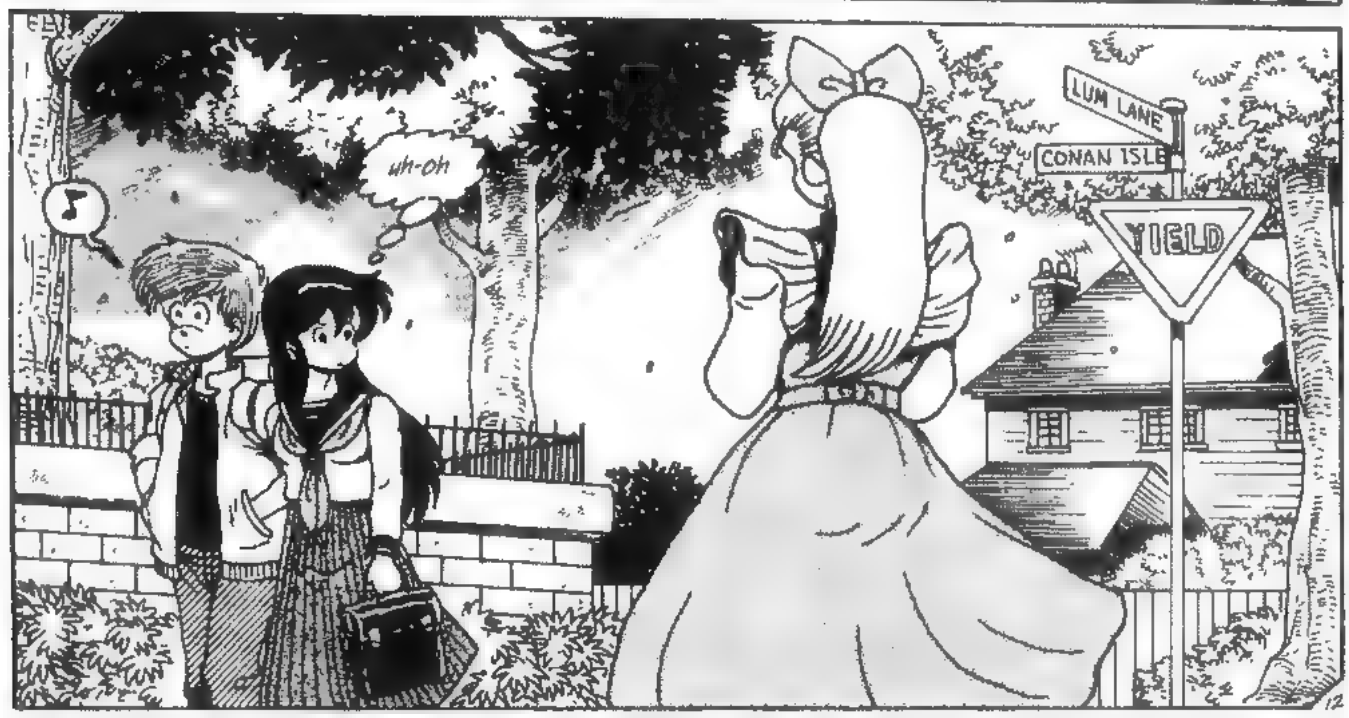
SO HOW DID YOU END UP HERE?
I DO NOT KNOW.

I SEE THE PROBLEM!
YOUR NIECE LIVES ON 123 MARPLE STREET. THIS IS MAPLE STREET
YOU DON'T SAY

HOW ABOUT THAT!
DO YOU KNOW WHERE I MAY FIND THIS STREET?

WELL, I DON'T KNOW MYSELF, BUT I'LL GO GET A MAP!

WHAT A WONDERFUL WOMAN!


uh-oh
LUM LANE
CONAN ISLE
YIELD

OH, EXCUSE ME, CAN YOU DIRECT ME TO 123 MAPLE STREET?
123 MAPLE STREET? THAT'S WHERE I LIVE!

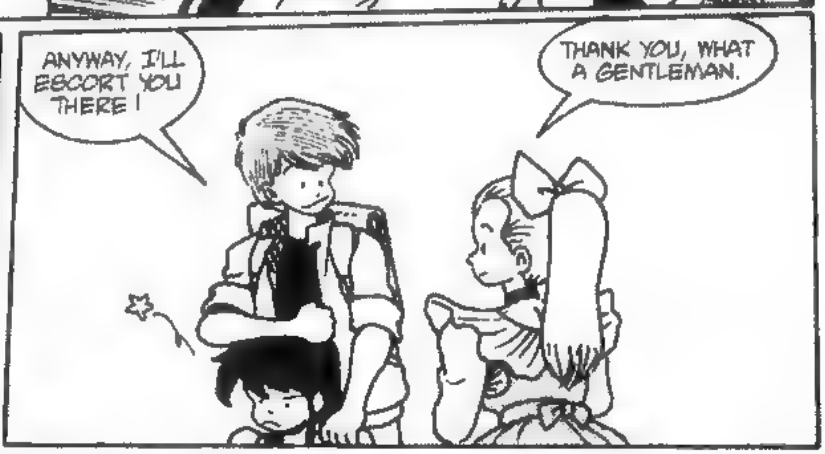
YOU DO? WHAT A COINCIDENCE!

YES, ISN'T IT?

MY NAME IS JEZIBELL! WHAT IS YOURS?
JEREMY FEEPLE AND THIS IS ITCHY KOO!
HI.

ITCHY KOO? WHAT A FUNNY NAME!
DO YOU MOCK ME?

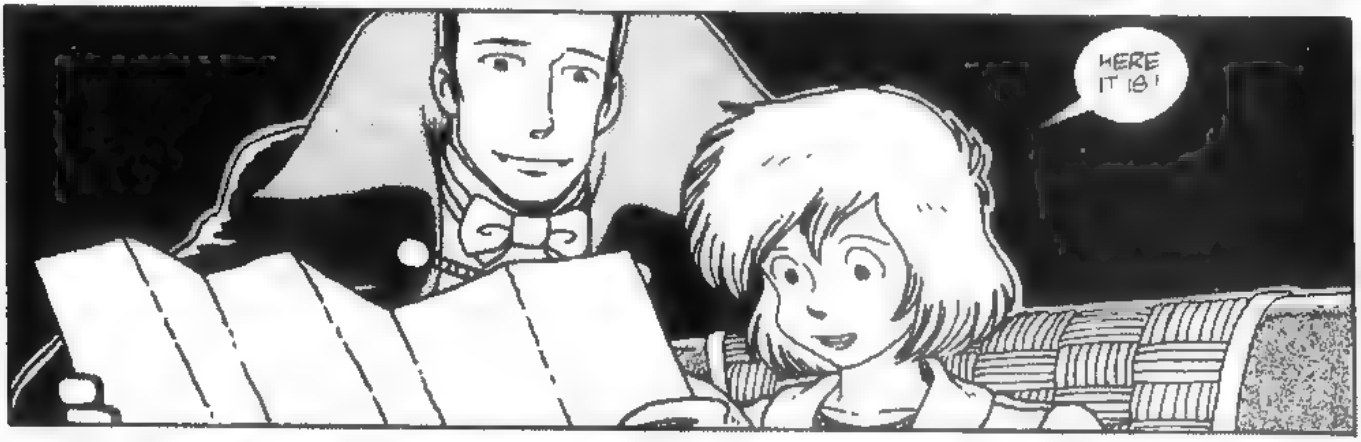
ICHI! CALM DOWN! I'M SURE SHE DIDN'T MEAN IT!


ANYWAY, I'LL ESCORT YOU THERE!
THANK YOU, WHAT A GENTLEMAN.

IF YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING, WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO FIND MY HOUSE?
A DELIVERY WAS SENT TO YOUR ADDRESS BY A MISTAKE..

WHAT'S IN THAT PACKAGE?
OH, JUST MY UNCLE

YOUR UNCLE?!


HERE IT IS!

IT DOESN'T LOOK FAR! I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND IT!
ARE YOU SURE YOU WON'T STAY FOR DINNER?

I HAVE IMPOSED ON YOU TOO LONG, GOOD MADAM I SHOULD NOT WANT TO TROUBLE YOU ANY LONGER.

OH, IT'S NO TROUBLE REALLY I *ENJOY* YOUR COMPANY
RE
BOB

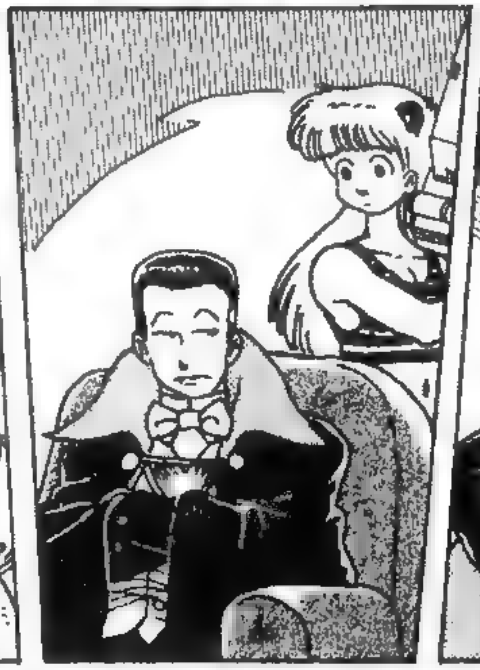
I SHALL SEND FOR MY COFFIN LATER UNTIL THEN. au revoir

GGAAAAH!!

IT'S STILL SUNLIGHT OUTSIDE!!
SLAM!
CERTAINLY! WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? YOU REALLY SHOULD INVEST IN A WATCH!

I'M AFRAID I HAVE THIS AVERSION TO SUNLIGHT. IT'S NOT GOOD FOR MY COMPLEXION!
IF YOU DO NOT MIND, I SHOULD LIKE TO STAY UNTIL NIGHTFALL!
THAT'S TOO BAD! SUNLIGHT IS A GOOD SOURCE OF VITAMIN D!
BUT I UNDERSTAND IF YOU HAVE A SKIN CONDITION

WHY DON'T YOU SIT DOWN AND I'LL MAKE SOME TEA!



WHY DO YOU STARE AT ME LIKE THAT?
YOU'RE THE FIRST COUNT I'VE EVER SEEN.

?Ahem!? IT'S NOT POLITE TO STARE!
OH, HOW RUDE! I'M SORRY.
MOM! I'M HOME!!
I BROUGHT HOME A GUEST!!
WHAT A COINCIDENCE! WE HAVE ONE, TOO!
MIGHTY TINY
REALLY? WHO IS IT?
NINJA
UNCLE BOSCOE!
JESIBELL!
I GUESS THEY KNOW EACH OTHER.
HOW SWEET! THAT'S HIS NIECE!
HEY, JEREMY! DID YOU KNOW COUNT BOSCOE IS A REAL LIVE VAMPIRE?
A VAMPIRE!?

STAND BACK EVERYONE! HE MIGHT TURN US INTO UNDEAD SERVANTS OF THE NIGHT!
?!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SON! I'M A REFORMED VAMPIRE! I DON'T BITE!
I TAKE THESE LITTLE PILLS THAT WERE PROVIDED TO ME BY A BENEFACTOR OF MINE, FOR MY NOURISHMENT
oh
NOW DON'T YOU FEEL SILLY?
I BROUGHT THE TEA!
COUNT BOSCOE! I KNOW YOU ARE IN THERE! COME OUT AND FACE ME!
WHAT IN THE WORLD?
WHO COULD THAT BE?

IT'S NO USE HIDING, COUNT! COME ON OUT OR I'M COMING IN TO GET YOU!
YOUNG MAN! WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM?
JUST BRING OUT THE COUNT MADAM
I INSIST THAT YOU GIVE HIM UP TO FACE JUSTICE!
HE IS A GUEST HERE YOUNG MAN!
AND ANYWAY HE WON'T COME OUT UNTIL IT'S DARK!
MAYBE YOU'LL GO AWAY BY THEN
IS HE STILL THERE?
YES HE'S BEEN SITTING THERE FOR HOURS!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT TRESPASSER!
NO, ASRIAL.
WHOEVER HE IS, I WILL CONFRONT HIM ALONE!

SO YOU FINALLY SHOW YOUR COWARDLY FACE eh, COUNT ?
I DO NOT KNOW YOU, SIR, BUT YOU ARE DISTURBING THE KIND PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE !
MY NAME IS SLADE AND MY BUSINESS IS WITH YOU! NOT WITH THEM !
POINT!
BUT WHY DO YOU WANT ME ?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN SO SOON ? THINK BACK TWENTY YEARS ! IN THE BAVARIAN MOUNTAINS...IN THE SMALL VILLAGE OF DINGLESTEIN !
ON APRIL 17 AT 8:00 PM
HMMMM
THINK.
THINK. THINK.
C'MON, BOSCOE! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T BITTEN ANYONE!
ARE YOU A CHICKEN ?
ME : NO! I JUST DON'T THINK IT'S VERY SANITARY!
LOOK! ARE YOU A REAL VAMPIRE OR NOT?
SURE!
THEN GO OUT AND BITE SOMEONE!
I'LL SHOW YOU GUYS!
ATTABOY!
RATS!
PEER PRESSURE THESE DAYS!

AAAIIIEEE!

OH, I'M SO SORRY, MISS! YOUR WINDOW WAS OPEN AND
I SORT OF LOST MY WAY.
EEEEEE!

OUT! OUT!
BRRP! BRRP!

SWISH!!

KRASH

YOU KILLED MY PET GOLDFISH! HE WAS MY FAVORITE GOLDFISH!!
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR THAT!

YOUR PET GOLDFISH?

HAR! HAR! HAR! HAR!

WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?
A GOLDFISH?! YOU'VE BEEN CHASING ME FOR TWENTY YEARS OVER A FISH!
ARF. ARF.

I SHOULD HAVE SUSPECTED THERE WOULD BE NO SYMPATHY FROM THE THE LIKES OF YOU!
HENRY WAS MY BEST FRIEND IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

BOO-HOO
SOB
CRY
GUILT

I APOLOGIZE! LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I'LL BUY YOU A NEW GOLDFISH!

I DON'T WANT A NEW GOLD-FISH! I WANT REVENGE!

YIKES!
UUMP!
SSHHRRIPP

HEY! THAT WAS A WOODEN SPIKE! YOU COULD HAVE TURNED ME INTO DUST!
OF COURSE! I WANT YOU TO FEEL THE PAIN MY HENRY DID AS HE DIED IN MY HANDS!
I MADE IT MY PERSONAL CRUSADE TO DESTROY ALL MONSTERS!
NOW HOLD ON THERE JUST BECAUSE I WAS RECKLESS DOES NOT MEAN ALL MY FELLOW MONSTERS ARE LIKE THAT!
BY LUMPING US TOGETHER IN ONE CATEGORY YOU SEEM TO THINK WE ARE ALL BAD!
I DON'T CARE! YOU ALL DESERVE TO DIE!
I ASSURE YOU THIS IS NOT SO!
APPARENTLY, YOU ARE LETTING YOUR HATRED CLOUD YOUR JUDGEMENT!
YOU SEEM TO UNDERSTAND VERY LITTLE ABOUT US, YET FEEL COMPELLED TO WANT TO DESTROY US ALL!
WHY CAN'T WE BOTH LIVE IN PEACE?
ENOUGH TALK! ALL I KNOW IS THAT YOU'RE JUST A SCUM-SUCKING VAMPIRE! AND DESERVE WHAT YOU GET!
PREPARE FOR BATTLE, COUNT!
VERY WELL THEN

CHOOM!!!
KRAKK!
NEVER!
RIIIP!
YOU YOU...
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GIVE UP AND LEAVE?
LAND...

MISS!
MISS!
MISS!
STAND STILL, WHY DON'T YOU?!

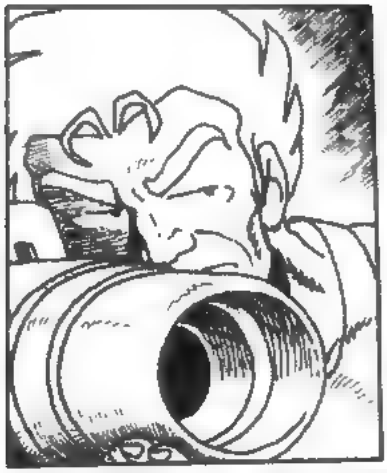
SMAK!

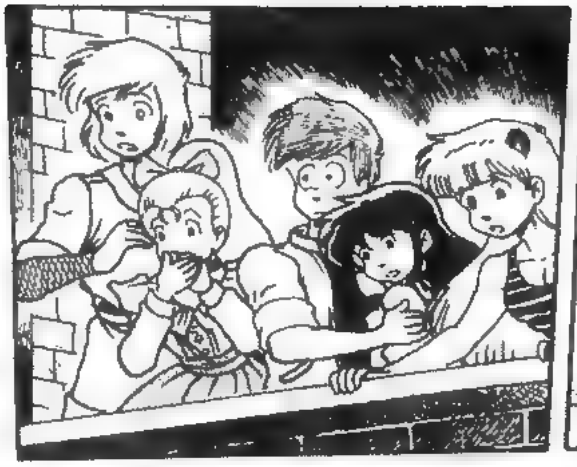
AUGHH!
WHY WON'T YOU LISTEN TO REASON?

PLEASE UNDERSTAND-- I AM DEEPLY SORRY FOR WHAT I DID TO YOU.

BUT IF YOU FEEL THAT I HAVE WRONGED YOU THAT GREATLY

THEN YOU MAY KILL ME



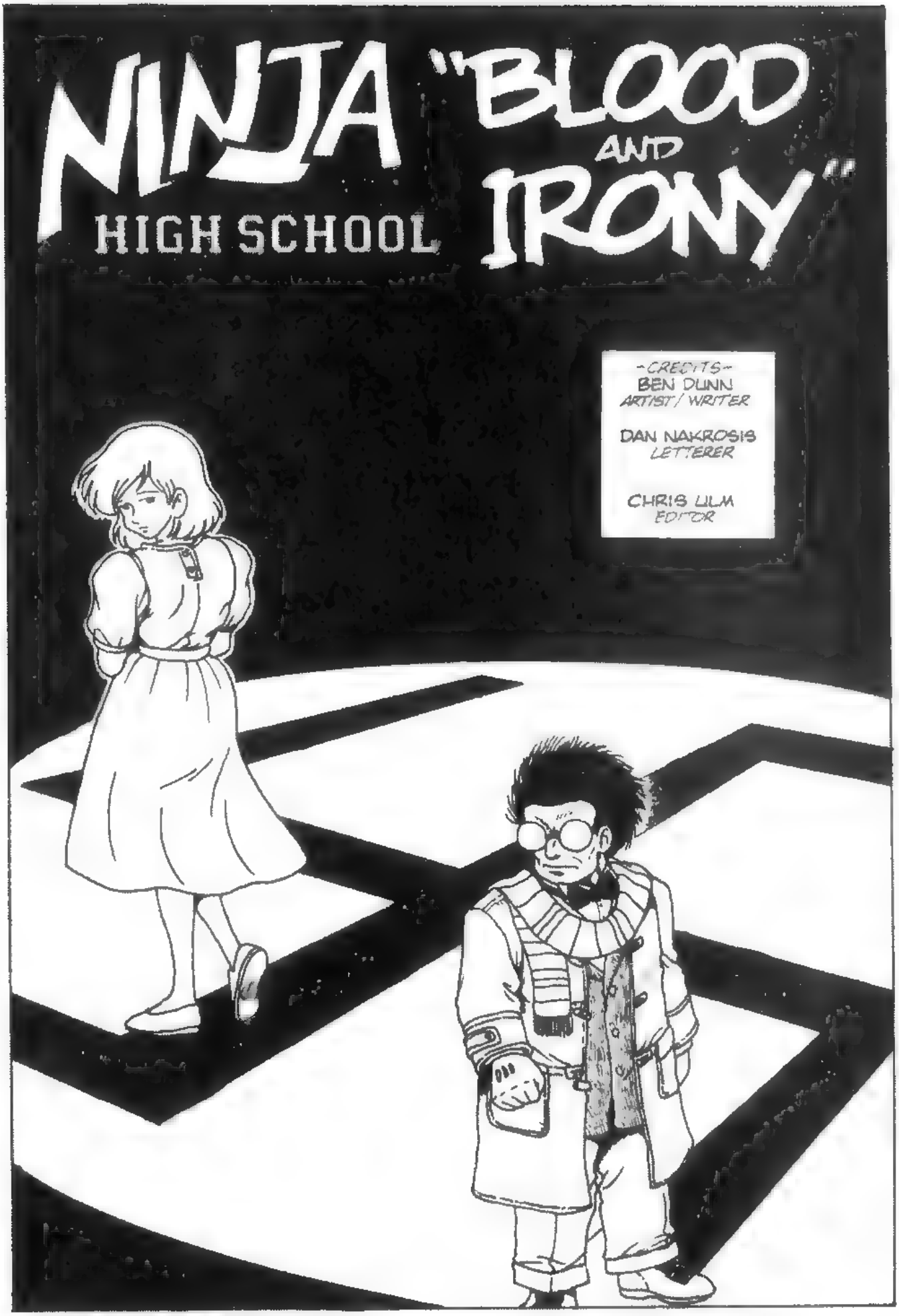


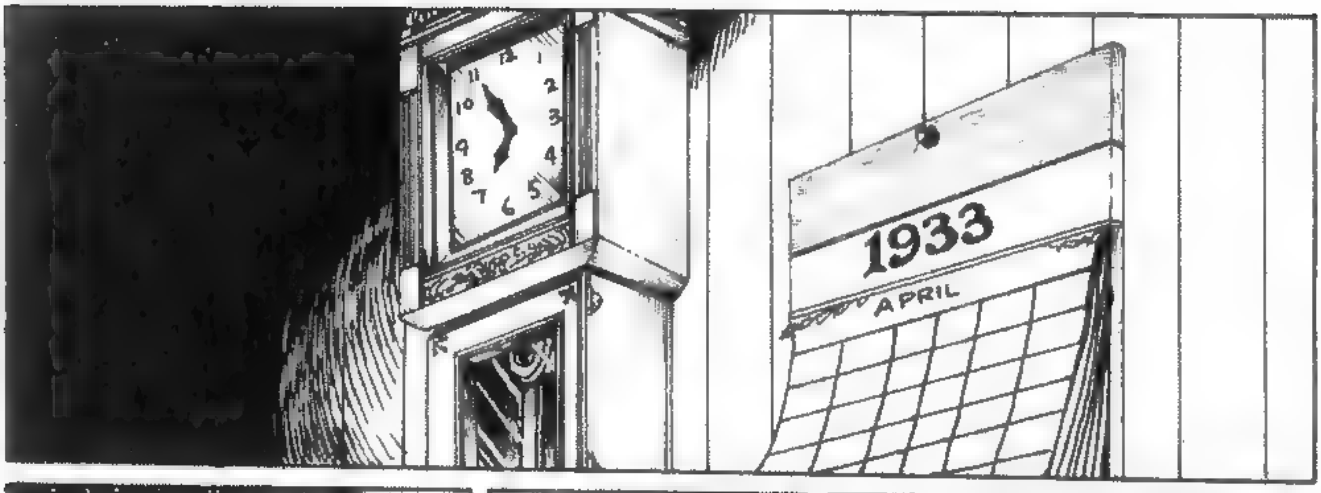
NO! I WON'T DO IT! YOU'RE RIGHT. I SHOULDN'T HATE A GROUP JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE DIFFERENT!
WHAT HAPPENED HAPPENED A LONG TIME AGO
I FORGIVE YOU, COUNT BOSCOE!
THANK YOU, SLADE
SUPPRESSIVE

COME ON, EVERYONE! I'VE GOT DINNER READY AND YOU ARE ALL INVITED!
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!

IT IS NICE OF MS. FEEPLE TO LET YOU STAY HERE WHILE YOU LOOK FOR A HOUSE, UNCLE
WELL, WE HAVE PLENTY OF ROOM AND I FIGURE YOUR UNCLE CAN DO SOME CHORES AROUND THE HOUSE!
YES...TOO BAD YOU HAVE NO ROOM FOR ME AT YOUR HOUSE, JESIBELL.

NINJA HIGH SCHOOL "BLOOD AND IRONY"

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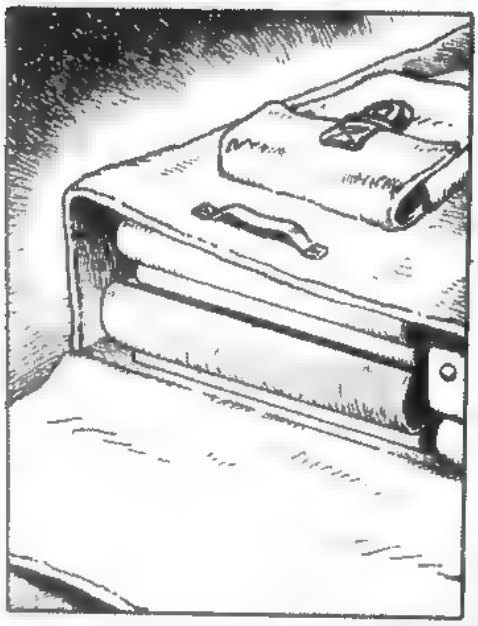
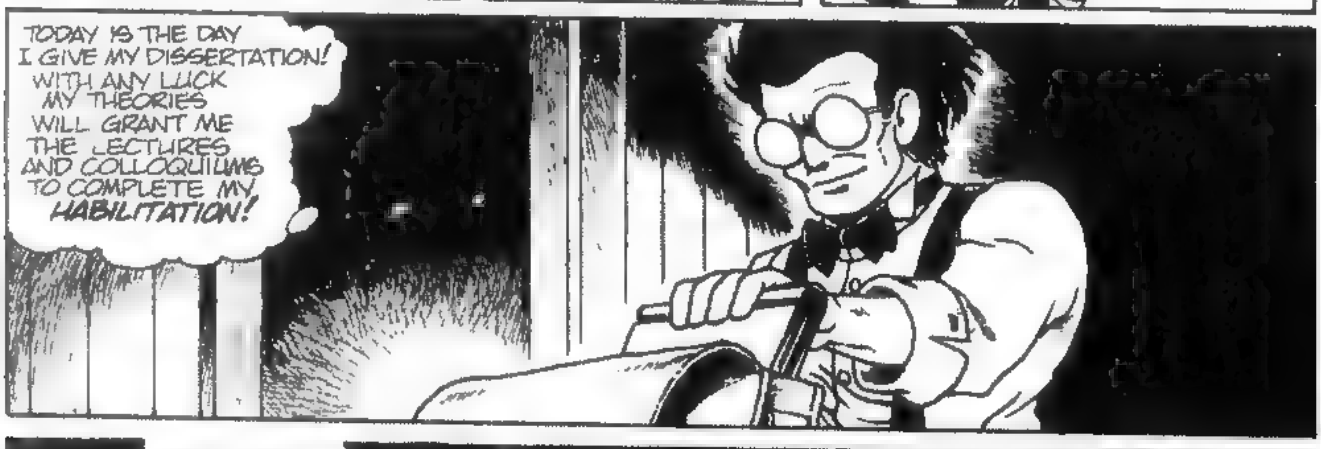
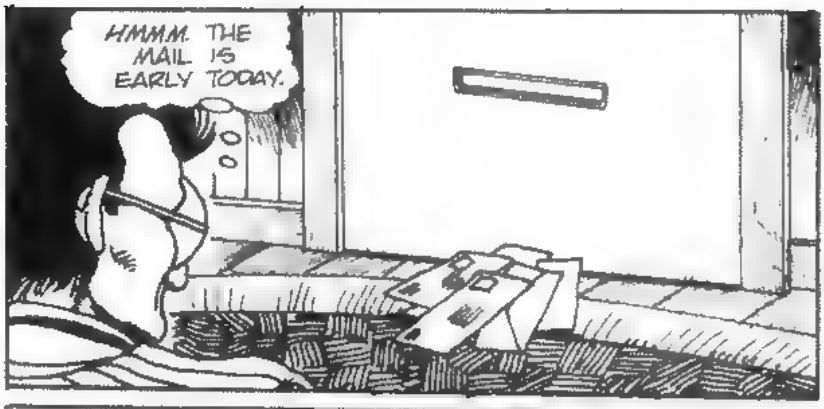


I FEEL GOOD...

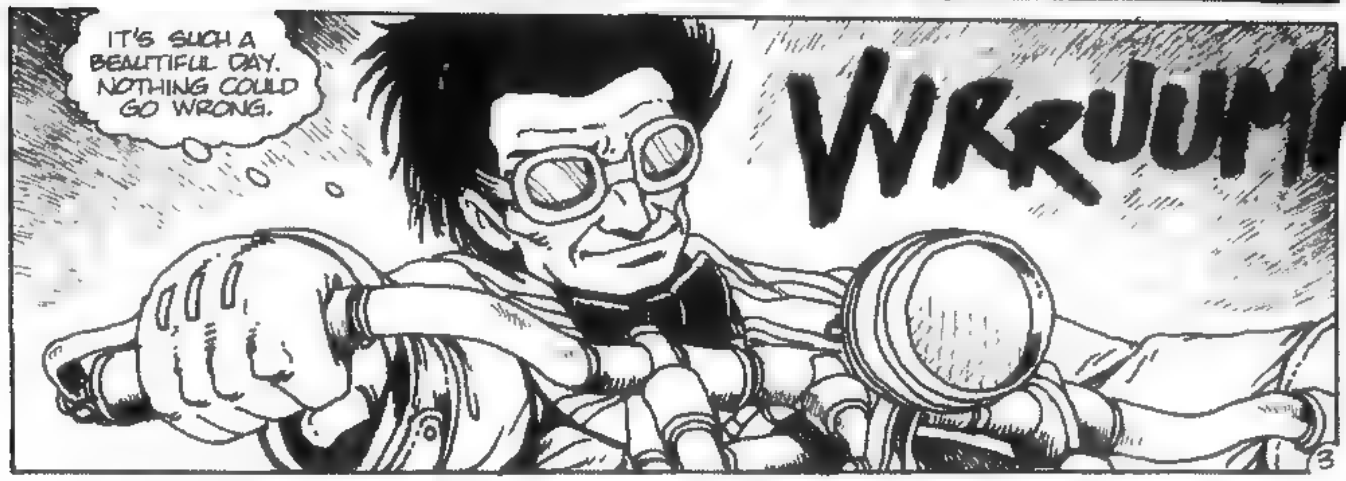

TODAY IS THE DAY I GIVE MY DISSERTATION! WITH ANY LUCK MY THEORIES WILL GRANT ME THE LECTURES AND COLLOQUIUMS TO COMPLETE MY HABILITATION!

AND THEN MY DREAM OF BECOMING A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WILL COME TRUE!

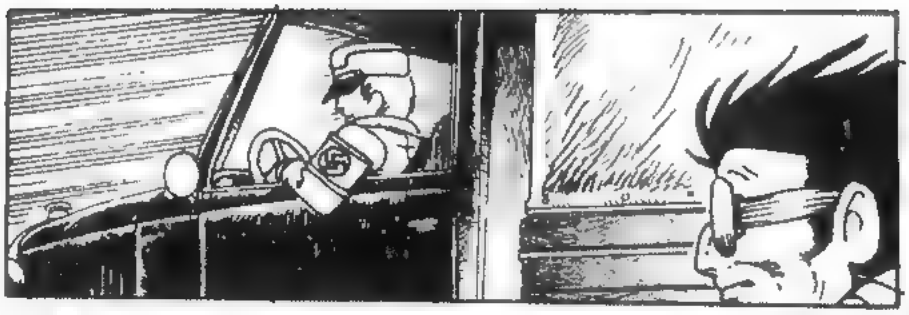
MY PLANS TO APPLY FOR A TEACHING POSITION AT MALBURG OR GÖTTINGEN WILL SOON COME TO FRUITION!

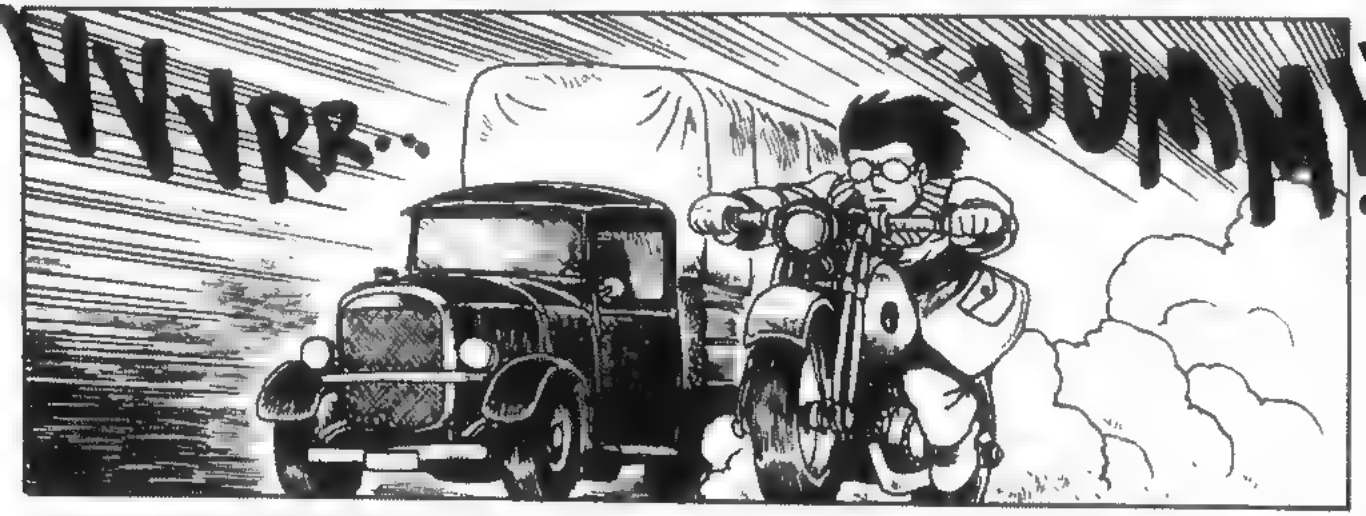

HMMM. THE MAIL IS EARLY TODAY.

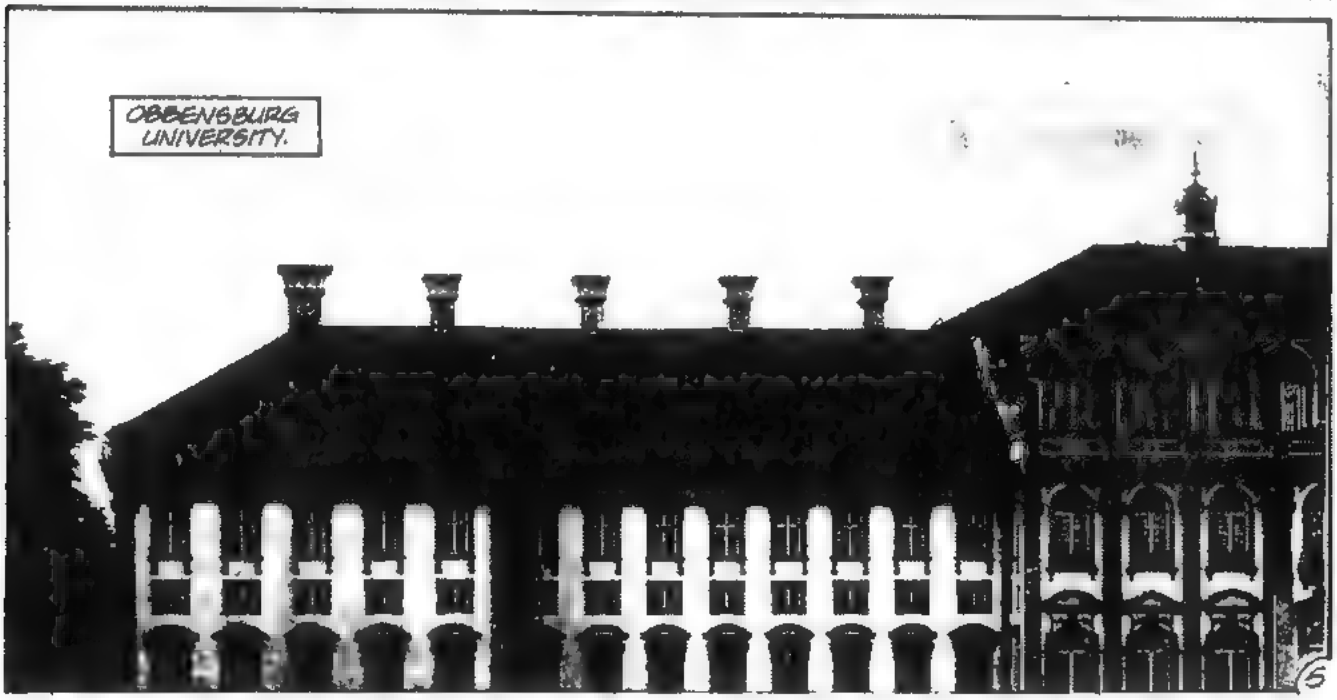
LOOK... ANOTHER LETTER FROM ALBERT! IT'S NICE TO HEAR FROM HIM.
HIS THEORIES ARE ALWAYS SO AMUSING.


IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY. NOTHING COULD GO WRONG.
VVRRUUUM!

VVVROOOM!
ONCE I RECEIVE MY APPOINTMENT, I WILL ASK SANDRA FOR HER HAND IN MARRIAGE.
WE WILL BE SO HAPPY TOGETHER.
MY THEORIES ON STEAM AND ITS BENEFITS TO SCIENCE WILL PROVE INVALUABLE TO OUR GOVERNMENT. THEY WILL GIVE ME A GRANT FOR SURE!
EH?







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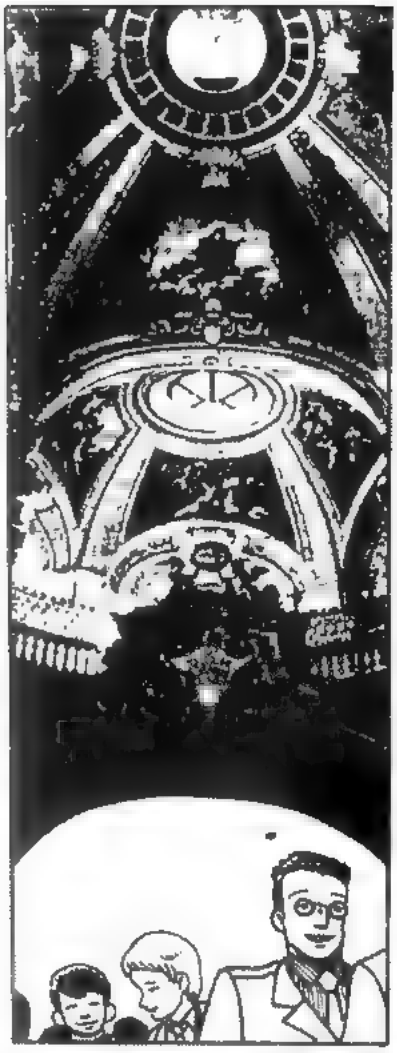
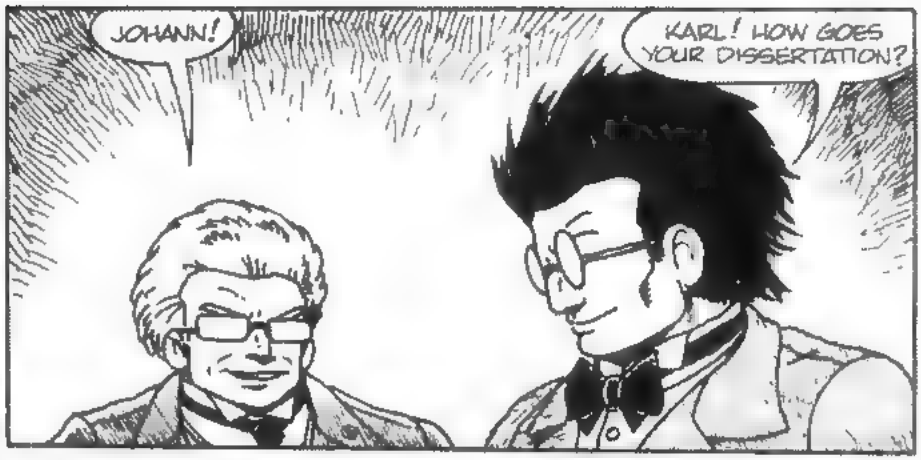
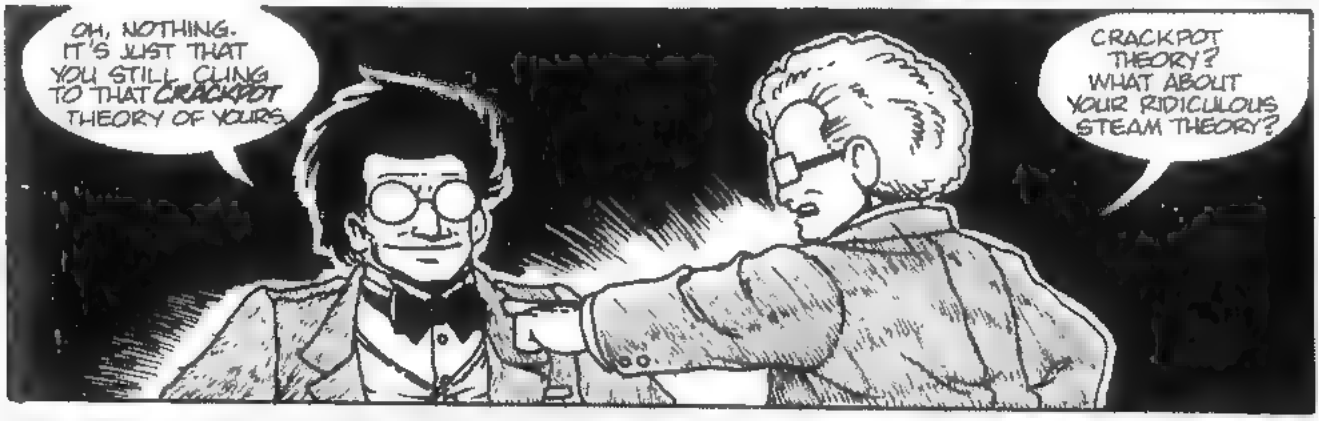



JOHANN!
KARL! HOW GOES YOUR DISSERTATION?

VERY WELL. I WILL BE DISCUSSING THE BENEFITS OF SUNBEAM TECHNOLOGY!
HEH.

WHAT, MAY I ASK, IS SO AMUSING?


OH, NOTHING. IT'S JUST THAT YOU STILL CLING TO THAT CRACKPOT THEORY OF YOURS.
CRACKPOT THEORY? WHAT ABOUT YOUR RIDICULOUS STEAM THEORY?

MY DEAR HOSSENFEFFER... STEAM WILL SAVE THE WORLD!
AND I WILL PROVE IT!

WELL, LET'S HOPE THAT BOTH OUR THEORIES ARE ACCEPTED OR WE WILL NEVER GRADUATE.
DO NOT FEAR. OUR THEORIES WILL EARN US THE PRAISE WE DESERVE.

THEN I WILL ASK FOR SANDRA'S HAND IN MARRIAGE!
STEAMHEIN, YOU LUCKY DOG, YOU ALWAYS DID HAVE A WAY WITH WOMEN!

THAT IS BECAUSE NO ONE CAN RESIST A SCIENTIST

WELL, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GIVE HER ALL SHE DESERVES, YOU'LL JOIN THE PARTY!
THE PARTY? WHY, IS SOMEBODY GIVING ONE?

HA! HA! ALWAYS JOKING! IT'S A FACT THAT IN ORDER TO GET ANYWHERE YOU'VE GOT TO JOIN THE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS! THEY'RE ALL WINNERS AND THEY'LL PUT THIS COUNTRY BACK TOGETHER!
YOU DID? GOOD FOR YOU
THEY WON THE ELECTIONS LAST MONTH. THAT'S WHY I JOINED TODAY!

WELL, KARL, YOU KNOW ME! I'VE NEVER BEEN ONE TO INVOLVE MYSELF WITH ANY GROUP
TO ME, SCIENCE IS THE KEY TO HUMANITY, NOT POLITICS

IT'S SANDRA!
I'LL SEE YOU LATER, KARL.

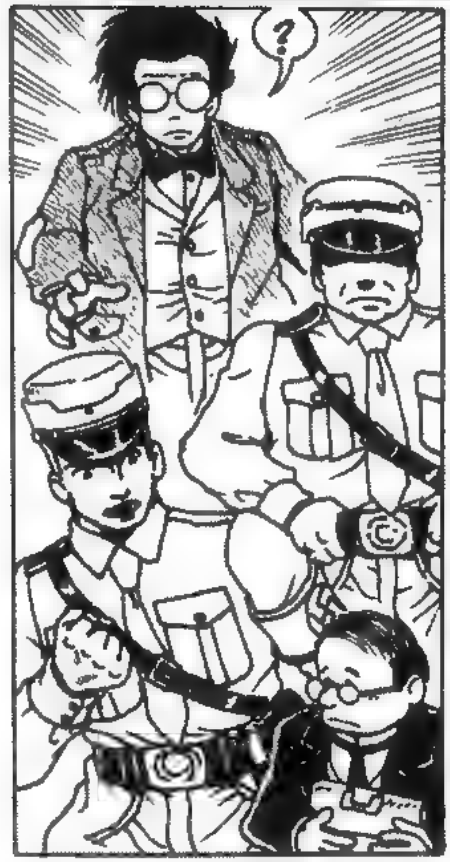
SANDRA! WAIT!
OH, IT'S YOU JOHANN!

A DAY WITHOUT YOU IS LIKE A DAY WITHOUT STEAM!
JOHANN, YOU ROMANTIC, YOU

WILL YOU MEET ME IN THE GARDEN AFTER MY DISSERTATION?
OF COURSE. WHY?

I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO ASK YOU

SHE'S GOING TO SAY YES!
I CAN FEEL IT!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WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO PROFESSOR BRUNEMEYER?
DIDN'T YOU HEAR? THEY'RE THROWING HIM OUT OF THE UNIVERSITY.

THROWING HIM OUT? WHY?

BECAUSE HE'S A JEW.

BUT I'VE TAUGHT HERE FOR THIRTY YEARS!
NOT ANYMORE. YOU WON'T SPREAD YOUR POISON HERE ANY LONGER!

THERE IS NO PLACE FOR YOU IN THE NEW ORDER!
SCATTER!
GO LINE YOUR FLOOR, YOU DOG!

HA! HA! HA! HA!
HA! HA! HA!

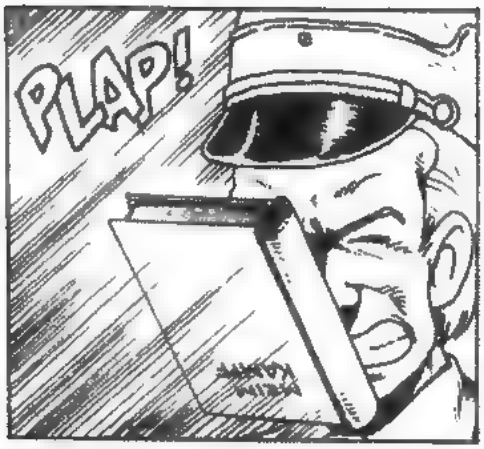
I MUST HELP HIM!
JOHANN! DON'T GET INVOLVED!

LET ME HELP YOU, PROFESSOR

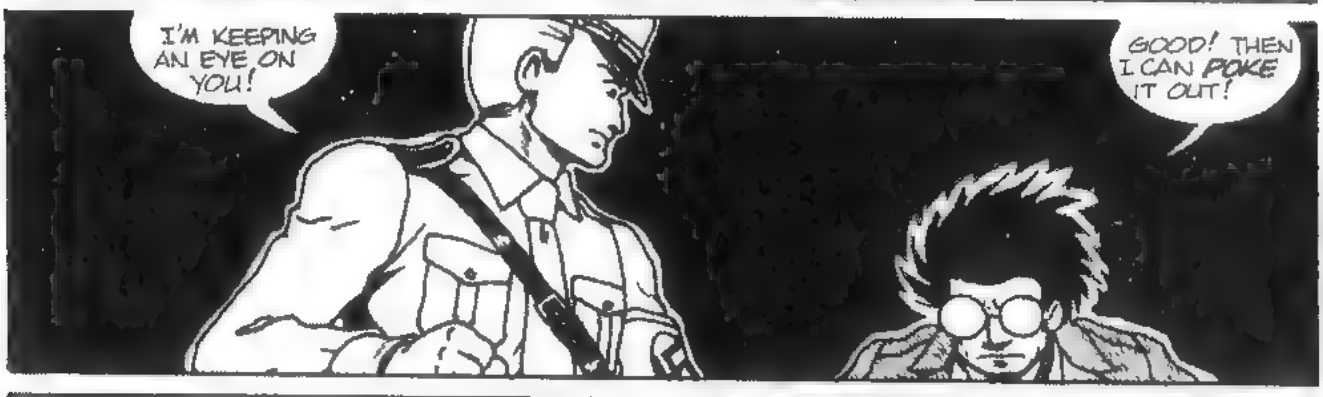
HEY, YOU GET AWAY FROM HIM!

HE IS A GERMAN CITIZEN!
HE IS A JEW! YOU INSULT THE PEOPLE OF GERMANY BY CALLING HIM A "CITIZEN" OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY!

AND IF THERE IS ANYTHING WORSE THAN A JEW... IT IS A JEW LOVER!


PLAP!

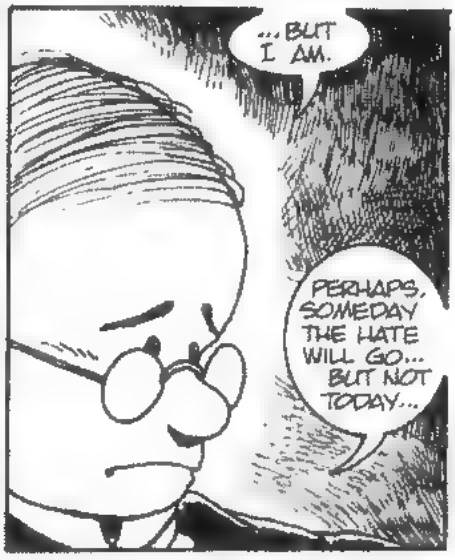
WHY YOU...
MANFRED! CONTROL YOURSELF!


I'M KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU!
GOOD! THEN I CAN POKE IT OUT!

THANK YOU, JOHANN! BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT. NOW THEY WILL COME AFTER YOU.
YOU HAVE BEEN MY FRIEND AND TEACHER SINCE I LEFT THE ORPHANAGE THOSE MANY YEARS AGO... HOW CAN I ABANDON YOU?

I THINK FROM NOW ON YOU SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM ME. IT IS DANGEROUS.
HOW COULD ONE WHO TEACHES US KNOWLEDGE BE DANGEROUS?
TO THEM... KNOWLEDGE IS DANGEROUS.

IT IS NOT WISE TO PROVOKE THEM. THEY NOW HAVE POWER AND THEY WILL USE IT.
I AM NOT AFRAID.


...BUT I AM.
PERHAPS, SOMEDAY THE HATE WILL GO... BUT NOT TODAY...

WHERE WILL YOU GO?
HOME. I HAVE NO OTHER PLACE...

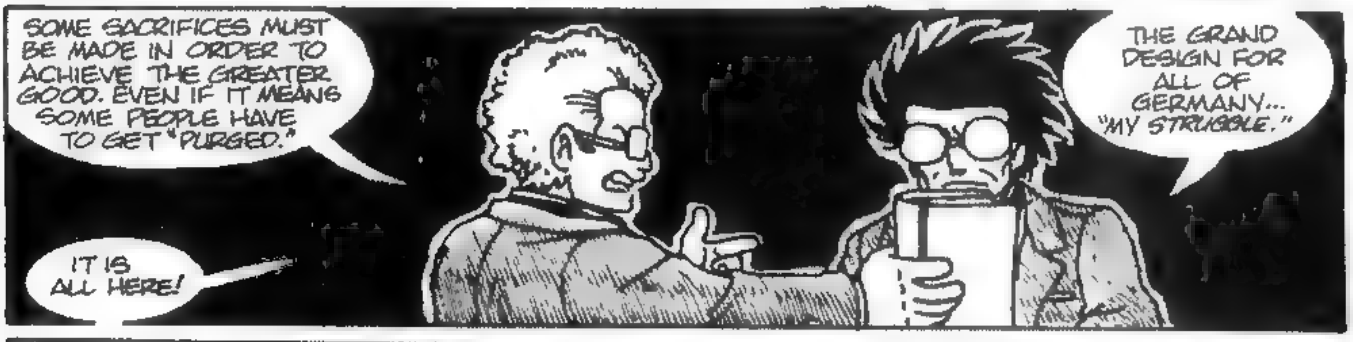
FAREWELL.

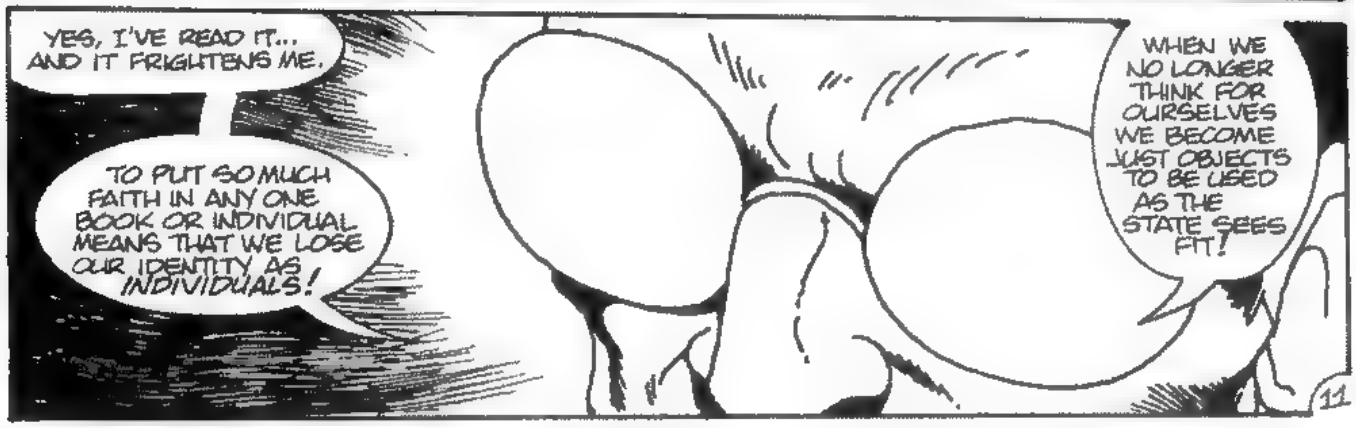
TOO BAD BUT TIMES CHANGE.
HOW GOOD CAN THIS NEW ORDER BE IF MEN OF REASON ARE CAST OUT?

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY, JOHANN. YOUR WORDS CONTAIN TREASON!
WHAT IS TREASON? THOSE WHO QUESTION AUTHORITY...

OR THOSE WHO BLINDLY FOLLOW IT?

IT IS THE WILL OF OUR GOVERNMENT TO MAKE GERMANY GREAT AGAIN!
BUT AT WHAT COST?


SOME SACRIFICES MUST BE MADE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE GREATER GOOD. EVEN IF IT MEANS SOME PEOPLE HAVE TO GET "PURGED."
THE GRAND DESIGN FOR ALL OF GERMANY... "MY STRUGGLE."
IT IS ALL HERE!


YES, I'VE READ IT... AND IT FRIGHTENS ME.
TO PUT SO MUCH FAITH IN ANY ONE BOOK OR INDIVIDUAL MEANS THAT WE LOSE OUR IDENTITY AS INDIVIDUALS!
WHEN WE NO LONGER THINK FOR OURSELVES WE BECOME JUST OBJECTS TO BE USED AS THE STATE SEES FIT!

WHAT'S THE USE? YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.

YOU'RE MISTAKEN, KARL ...I UNDERSTAND ALL TOO WELL..

GET ME HIS FILES.
YES, SIR!

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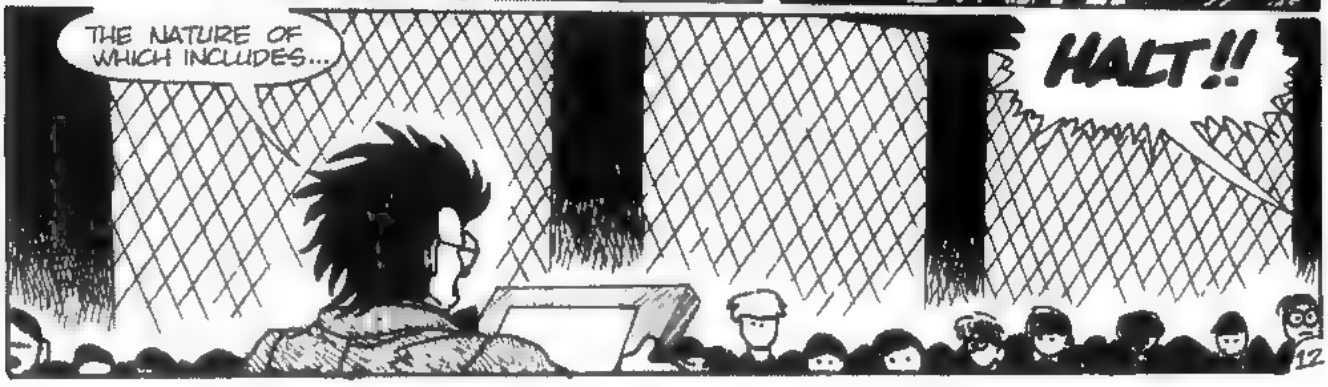
AND SO... IN CONCLUSION, I STATE AGAIN, THE SCIENCE OF STEAMOLOGY...
..IS THE SCIENCE OF TRUE INDIVIDUALISM.


THE NATURE OF WHICH INCLUDES...
HALT!!

THIS CANNOT CONTINUE!

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS INTERRUPTION?
I HAVE INFORMATION.

YOUR CLASS HAS BEEN INFILTRATED BY AN ENEMY OF THE STATE!
REALLY? BY WHOM?

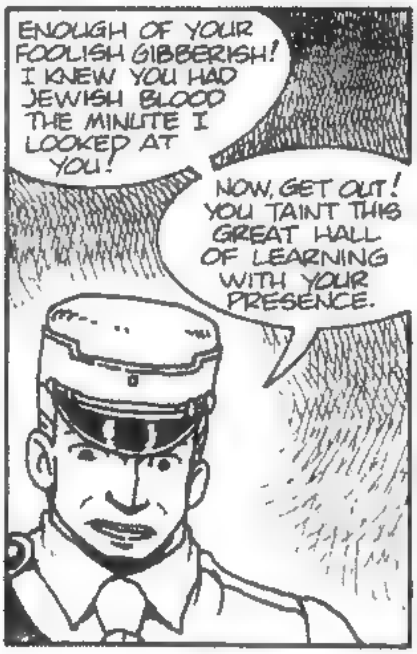
HIM!
ME? DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!

YES, YOU ARE A "JEW."
WE HAVE RECORDS TO SHOW YOUR GREAT GRANDMOTHER ON YOUR MOTHER'S SIDE WAS A "JEW." THEREFORE, YOU DO NOT QUALIFY TO GRADUATE!

.....

SO THAT IS HOW IT IS. I AM CONDEMNED JUST LIKE MY PROFESSOR..
YUP.

SO WHERE DOES IT END?
UNTIL ALL THE ENEMIES OF OUR STATE ARE GONE.
AND I SUPPOSE THE ENEMY IS ANYONE WHO DOESN'T AGREE WITH YOU.


ENOUGH OF YOUR FOOLISH GIBBERISH! I KNEW YOU HAD JEWISH BLOOD THE MINUTE I LOOKED AT YOU!
NOW, GET OUT! YOU TAINT THIS GREAT HALL OF LEARNING WITH YOUR PRESENCE.

WHAT A COWARD! DIDN'T EVEN PUT UP A FIGHT! NO BACKBONE WHATSOEVER.
THEY ARE LIKE WORMS.

FIVE YEARS OF HARD WORK GONE! WILL I EVER SEE MY THEORY OF STEAMOLOGY BENEFIT MANKIND?...
WOULD I WANT IT TO...?

... AT LEAST I HAVE SANDRA.

SHE WILL UNDERSTAND...

SANDRA! WHAT'S WRONG?
STAY AWAY FROM HER, YOU DOG!

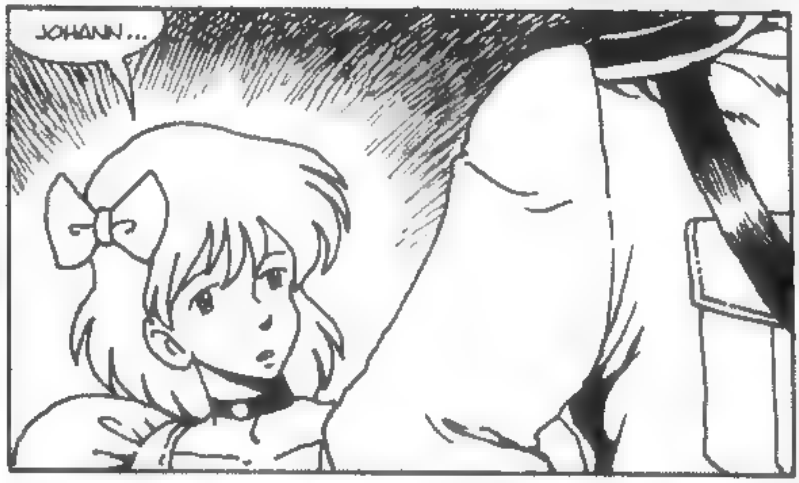
I DEMAND TO SEE HER!
DEMANDS ARE FOR CITIZENS! YOU ARE NOT EVEN HUMAN!

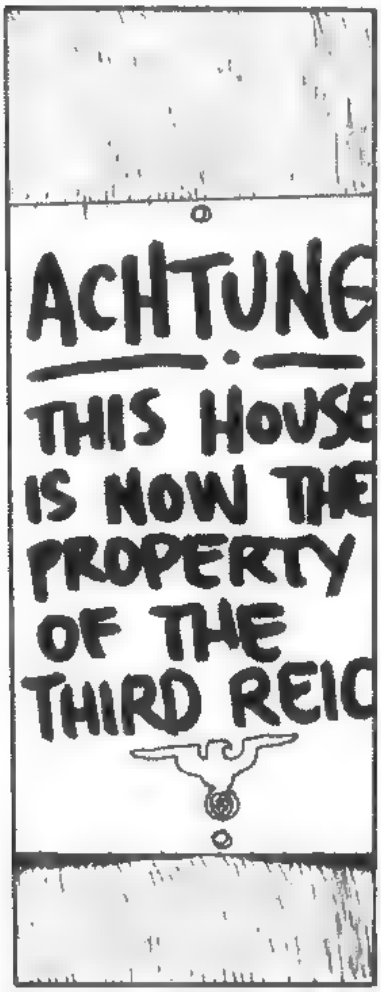
JOHANN! THEY TOLD ME EVERYTHING! IS IT TRUE?
YES, SANDRA! IT IS. BUT IT CHANGES NOTHING! I STILL LOVE YOU!

DON'T YOU SEE, JOHANN? IT CHANGES EVERYTHING! THERE CAN BE NO LOVE!
SANDRA! I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME!
CONTAMINATE PURE GERMAN BLOOD WILL YOU?! HOW DARE YOU UTTER SUCH A CRIME!
LET ME SEE HER YOU, JERK!
WHAK!
NOW, GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I HAVE YOU SHOT!

LOOK AT HOW WEAK THEY ARE
OUR LEADER WAS RIGHT.

GO CRAWL BACK TO YOUR HOLE


JOHANN...


ACHTUNG
THIS HOUSE IS NOW THE PROPERTY OF THE THIRD REIC

BUT THIS IS MY HOUSE!
NOT ANY MORE!
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THAT JEWS CAN'T OWN PROPERTY?

KARL!
OH, IT'S YOU, JOHANN.
HOW DID YOUR DISSERTATION GO?
IT WENT WELL... AH, LOOK JOHANN, I DON'T THINK YOU OUGHT TO SEE ME ANYMORE IN LIGHT OF THE ... SITUATION.
KARL... WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS FOR YEARS.
AS YOU CAN SEE, I'VE MADE SOME NEW FRIENDS...
I SEE...
VERY WELL, THEN. I WILL DO AS YOU WISH...
GOOD-BYE, KARL.
WHO WAS HE?
OH, SOMEBODY OF NO CONSEQUENCE.
VROUMM...

SANDRA!

SANDRA.
JOHANN. I HAD TO SEE YOU.

THOSE THINGS I SAID... I DIDN'T MEAN THEM... I STILL LOVE YOU.

WE CAN RUN AWAY! WE CAN STILL GET MARRIED!

SANDRA, GO HOME. THE STATE HAS DECIDED OUR FATE.

JOHANN! WHAT'S THE MATTER?
THERE CAN BE NO LOVE. THEY ARE RIGHT.

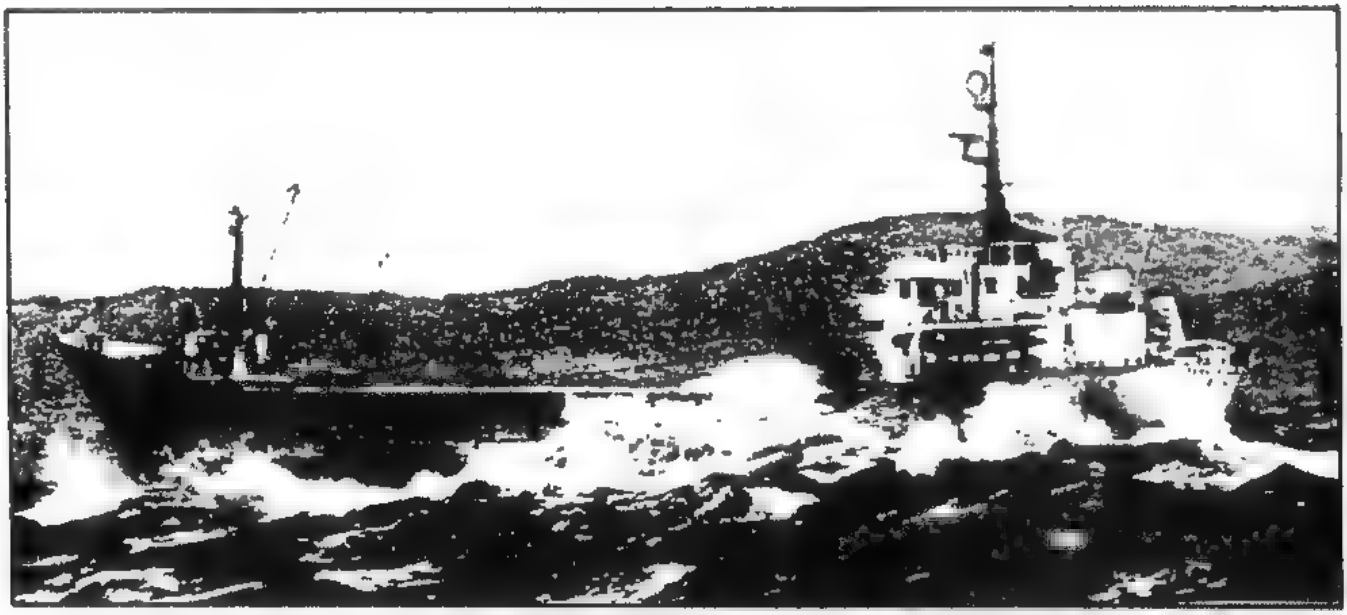
IT IS JUST AS WELL! NOW I CAN DEVOTE MYSELF TO SCIENCE TOTALLY...
...AND NOT CONCERN MYSELF WITH EMOTIONS.

HUMANITY IS THE ANCHOR THAT PREVENTS ME FROM ACHIEVING MY GOAL...
THEREFORE I MUST DETACH MYSELF FROM MAN...

...AND BECOME THE TOTAL SCIENTIST.

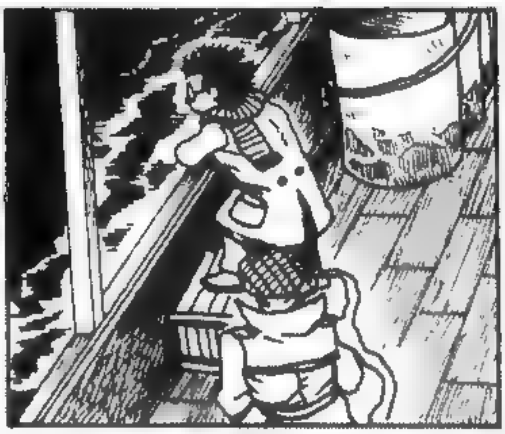
YOU WILL FORGET ME IN TIME.

I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU, JOHANN.



SOON... I SHALL BE IN AMERICA, WITH NO MONEY, NO FRIENDS, NO COUNTRY!

BUT I WILL BE FREE.



NICE DAY, EH?
INDEED IT IS.

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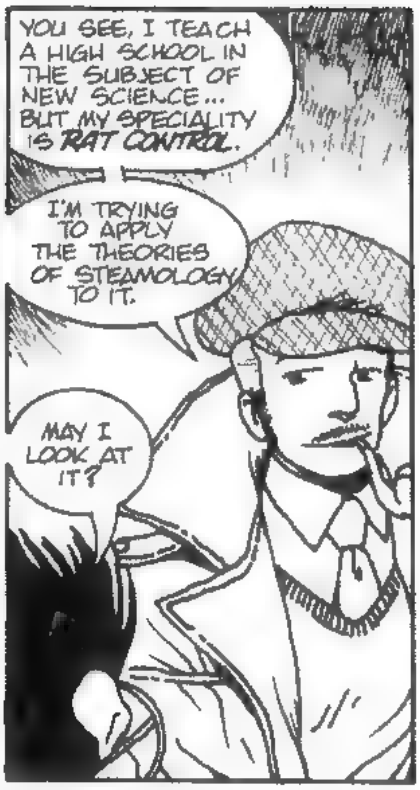
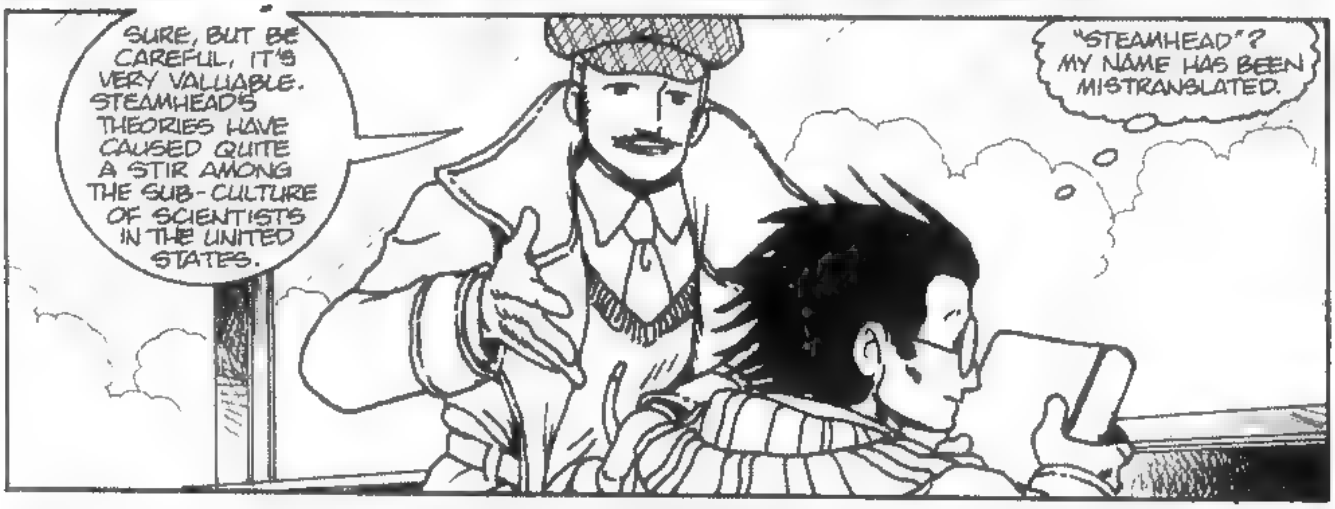
THE STEAMER

EXCUSE ME. MIGHT I INQUIRE AS TO WHERE YOU GOT THAT BOOK?

OH, THIS? I GOT IT IN ENGLAND, IT'S SORT OF AN UNAUTHORIZED TRANSLATION BY A STUDENT IN GERMANY WHO WROTE SEVERAL ESSAYS ON THE SCIENCE OF STEAMOLOGY.

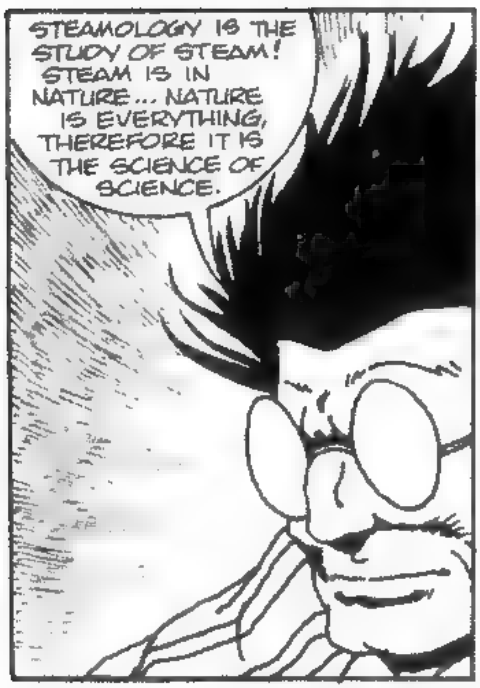

YOU SEE, I TEACH A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE SUBJECT OF NEW SCIENCE... BUT MY SPECIALITY IS RAT CONTROL.
I'M TRYING TO APPLY THE THEORIES OF STEAMOLOGY TO IT.
MAY I LOOK AT IT?


SURE, BUT BE CAREFUL, IT'S VERY VALUABLE. STEAMHEAD'S THEORIES HAVE CAUSED QUITE A STIR AMONG THE SUB-CULTURE OF SCIENTISTS IN THE UNITED STATES.
"STEAMHEAD"? MY NAME HAS BEEN MISTRANSLATED.

SOME OF THE THEORIES ARE QUITE INTERESTING
"STEAM IS EVERYWHERE. IT IS IN EVERYTHING..."

"NOT A DAY GOES BY THAT THE AVERAGE CITIZEN DOES NOT ENCOUNTER STEAM."

WHAT IT MEANS, I DON'T RIGHTLY KNOW.


STEAMOLOGY IS THE STUDY OF STEAM! STEAM IS IN NATURE... NATURE IS EVERYTHING, THEREFORE IT IS THE SCIENCE OF SCIENCE.

HMMM... MAYBE.
SAY. YOU SAID THAT LIKE A REAL PRO.

BY THE WAY, MY NAME'S FEEPLE... JOSHUA FEEPLE.
AND MINE IS JOHANN STEAM-HEI.. HEAD! STEAMHEAD!

SO YOU'RE THE STEAMHEAD. WELL, HIT ME WITH A WET MOP.
NO WONDER YOU UNDERSTOOD!

YOU KNOW, I WOULD BE HONORED IF YOU COULD EXPLAIN SOME OF YOUR THEORIES.
CERTAINLY IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE.

AND TO THINK THAT I THOUGHT THE TRIP BACK TO MY HOMETOWN, QUAGMIRE, WAS GOING TO BE BORING.
QUAGMIRE. WHAT A LOVELY NAME FOR A TOWN, JOSHUA.
PAPP!

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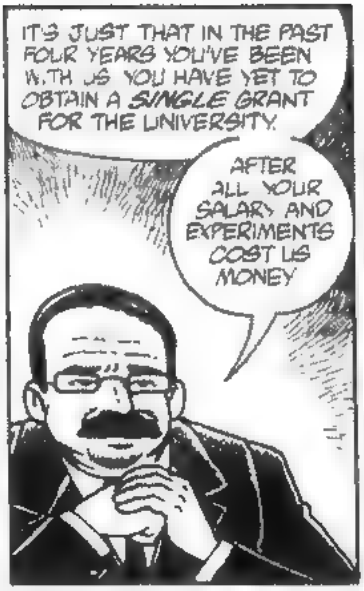
PROFESSOR STEAMHEAD YOU'VE BEEN WITH US FOR QUITE SOME TIME
GET TO THE POINT DEAN DUFFORD I HAVE EXPERIMENTS WAITING FOR ME


IT'S JUST THAT IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS YOU'VE BEEN WITH US YOU HAVE YET TO OBTAIN A SINGLE GRANT FOR THE UNIVERSITY.
AFTER ALL YOUR SALARY AND EXPERIMENTS COST US MONEY

JOSHUA PEEPLE HELPED YOU TO GET A POSITION HERE BUT AS OF LATE, I BEGIN TO WONDER ABOUT YOUR ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE
STEAMOLOGY HAS NO PRICE WORKING WITH STEAM SHOULD BE ITS OWN REWARD

I ADMIRE YOUR TENACITY, BUT YOUR THEORY OF STEAMOLOGY HAS BEEN CRITICIZED BY THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AT LARGE.
CRACKPOTS AND NUMB-SKULLS AT BEST ANY SCIENTIST WHO REFUSES TO BELIEVE IN STEAM IS NO SCIENTIST!

STEAM WILL SAVE THE WORLD!

PERHAPS, BUT IT WON'T MAKE US THE MONEY WE NEED TO RUN THIS INSTITUTE OF HIGHER LEARNING.

THEREFORE, I'VE DECIDED TO MAKE YOU A TEACHING ASSISTANT TO PROFESSOR BORON HIS EXPERIMENTS WITH MOONBEAMS ARE MORE PRACTICAL.

HAH! NEVER! STEAMOLOGY TAKES A BACK SEAT TO NOTHING!
YOU SHALL HAVE MY RESIGNATION TOMORROW!

DARN AND HE'S SUCH A GOOD BRIDGE PLAYER

CURSES! HOW PEOPLE WITH SUCH SHORT SIGHT GET INTO POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY I'LL NEVER KNOW!

I'M NOT CONCERNED FOR MYSELF, BUT MY STEAM EXPERIMENTS ARE IN A CRUCIAL PHASE

PROFESSOR STEAMHEAD?
YES?

MY NAME IS MAJOR BECKER I REPRESENT THE SPECIAL SCIENCES DIVISION OF THE U.S. ARMY AND I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO WORK FOR US...

I AM NOT INTERESTED IN WORKING FOR THE MILITARY
THEY HAVE A TENDENCY TO UTILIZE GREAT DISCOVERIES FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF PEOPLE

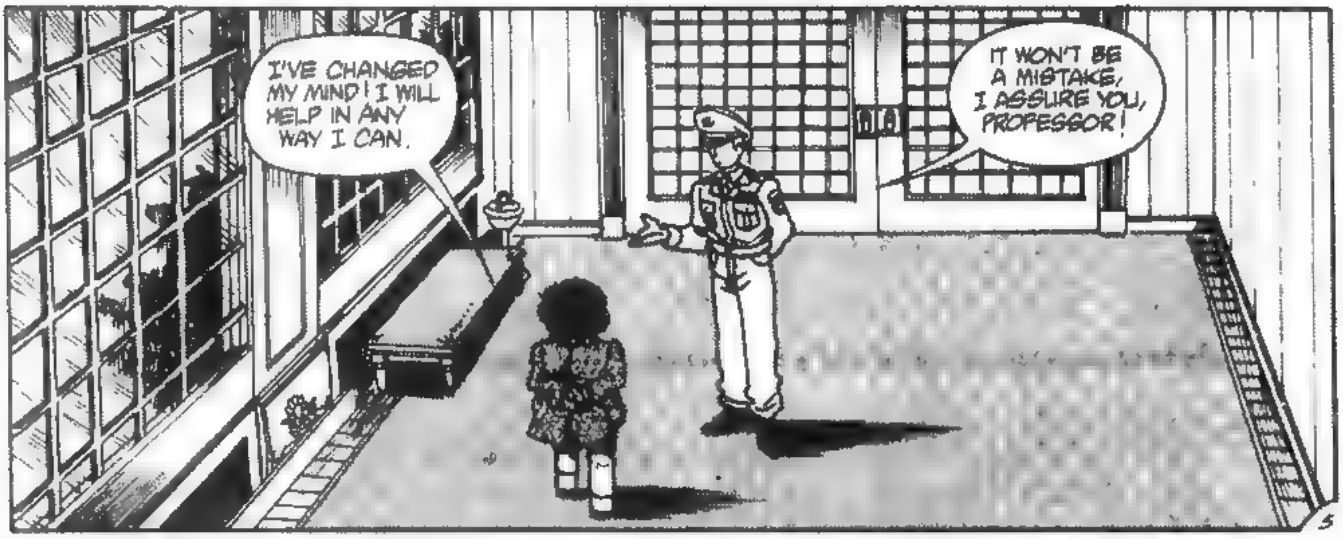
I'VE READ YOUR THEORIES, PROFESSOR, AND I BELIEVE THEY CAN BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO MANKIND!
..AND EVEN IF I WERE TO WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT, WOULD I BE ABLE TO CONTROL MY CREATIONS?

I COULDN'T GUARANTEE IT
THEN I AM WASTING MY TIME!

PROFESSOR. I RESPECT YOUR WORK AND I WOULD TRY MY BEST TO ALLOW YOU TO DO ANYTHING YOU WANT. YOUR MIND COULD HELP US IN SO MANY WAYS

..ESPECIALLY SINCE THE NAZIS RECENTLY NAMED HOSSENFEFFER THEIR CHIEF SCIENTIST IN DEVELOPMENTAL RESEARCH
DID YOU SAY, "HOSSENFEFFER"?

I HEAR HIS THEORIES OF SUNBEAMS ARE REVOLUTIONARY
HIS THEORIES OF SUNBEAMS ARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ARRESTED!!


I'VE CHANGED MY MIND! I WILL HELP IN ANY WAY I CAN.
IT WON'T BE A MISTAKE, I ASSURE YOU, PROFESSOR!

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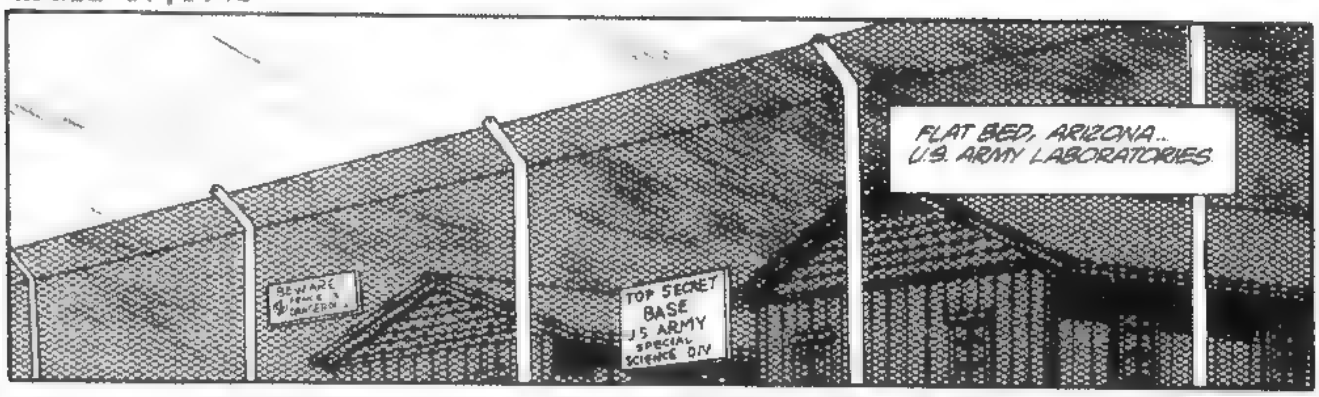
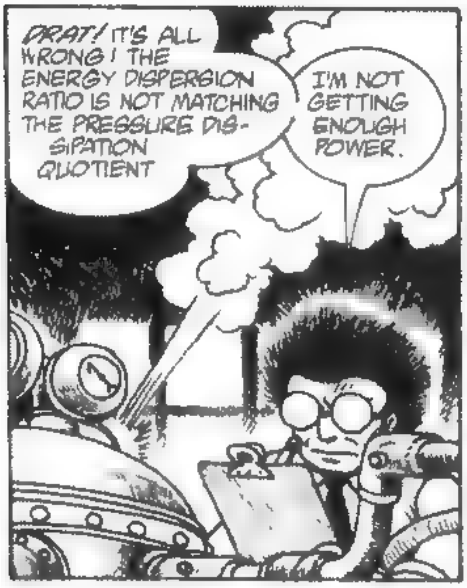
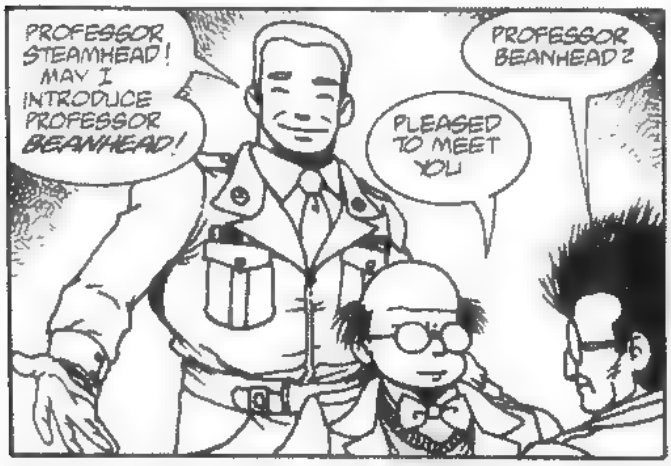
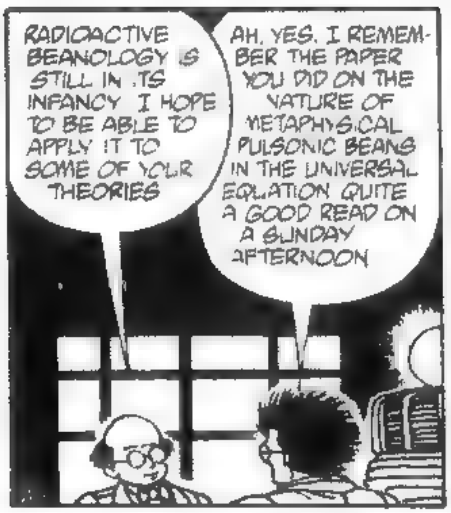
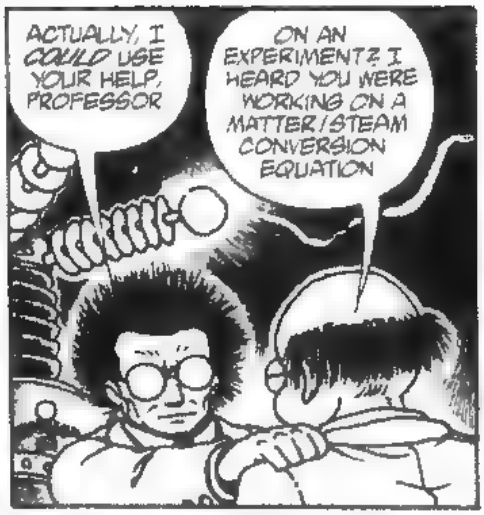







RADIOACTIVE BEANOLOGY IS STILL IN ITS INFANCY I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO APPLY IT TO SOME OF YOUR THEORIES
AH, YES. I REMEMBER THE PAPER YOU DID ON THE NATURE OF METAPHYSICAL PULSONIC BEANS IN THE UNIVERSAL EQUATION QUITE A GOOD READ ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON


ACTUALLY, I COULD USE YOUR HELP, PROFESSOR
ON AN EXPERIMENT? I HEARD YOU WERE WORKING ON A MATTER/STEAM CONVERSION EQUATION

THAT OLD THING? I FINISHED THAT WEEKS AGO!
NOW I'M WORKING ON SOMETHING MUCH MORE PERSONAL

IT'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN TRYING TO PERFECT FOR QUITE SOME TIME
IT'S SO CLOSE TO COMPLETION, YET IT LACKS THAT ONE VITAL PORTION
WAIT A MINUTE, PROFESSOR! I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY "PERSONAL" EXPERIMENTS.

I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD TELL ME IF YOU'RE GOING TO UNDERGO ANY NEW PROJECTS
HHISS

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
MY HONEST OPINION?
OBSERVE SCRUTINIZE

YOUR STEAMED BLACK BEAN PUDDING NEEDS A TAD MORE NUTMEG
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT ALSO..
BA-DUNG!

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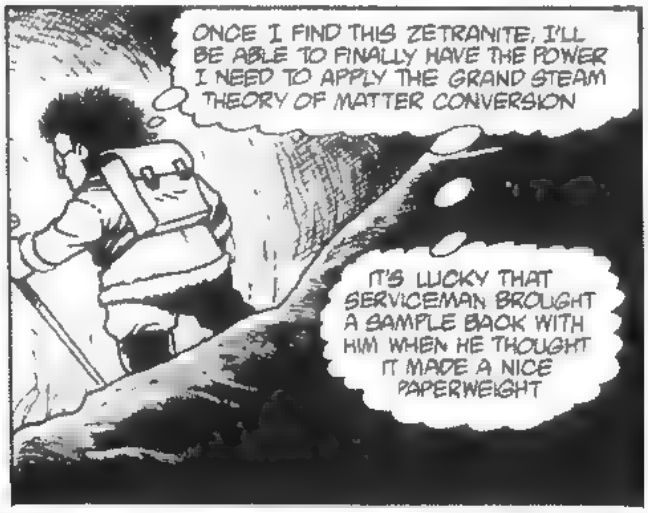


HE COULD BE A SPY!
I AM NO SPY

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT?
YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE MY WORD FOR IT

A PROFESSOR OF STEAMOLOGY HAS ONLY ONE PURSUIT: SCIENCE! ESPIONAGE IS NOT INCLUDED

I WISH WE COULD BELIEVE YOU, BUT WE CANNOT TAKE ANY CHANCES

WAIT!
YES, COUNT BOSCOE?
I LIKE SCIENTISTS

LET ME TEST HIM AS I DID THE OTHERS, PHILLIP!
THAT IS YOUR RIGHT

VERY WELL. IF HE PASSES YOUR TEST YOU MAY DO WITH HIM AS YOU WISH!

WHAT IS YOUR MONIKER SIR?
STEAM HEAD!

FOLLOW ME
VERY WELL

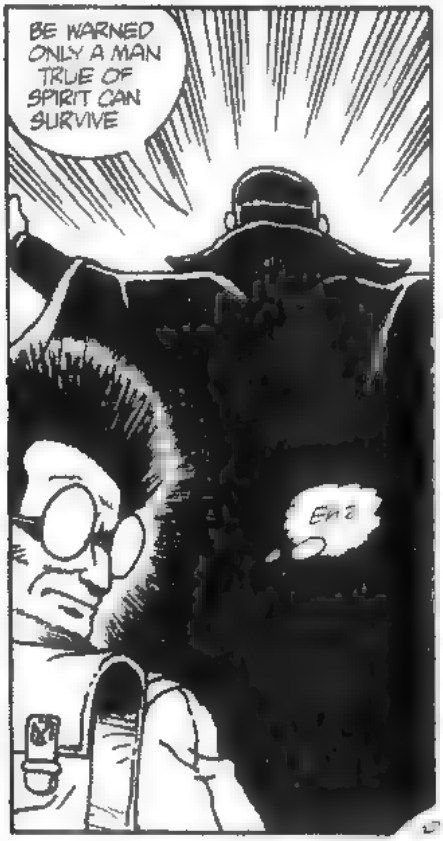
THE HUMAN IS DOOMED
NO ONE HAS EVER PASSED COUNT BOSCOE'S TEST

MAY I ASK WHAT IS GOING ON?
WE ARE IN A CIVIL WAR A GREAT PURGE IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE
ONE SIDE WANTS TO DESTROY MANKIND THE OTHER TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO

AND WHAT DO YOU WANT?
PEACE

THERE

THROUGH THAT WATERFALL IS A SERIES OF DEADLY TRAPS IF YOU SURVIVE, YOU ARE FREE TO GO


BE WARNED ONLY A MAN TRUE OF SPIRIT CAN SURVIVE
EH?

A WOODEN STAKE!

WITHIN REACH
I COULD EASILY GRAB IT WHILE HIS BACK IS TURNED

YOUR FATE IS IN YOUR HANDS

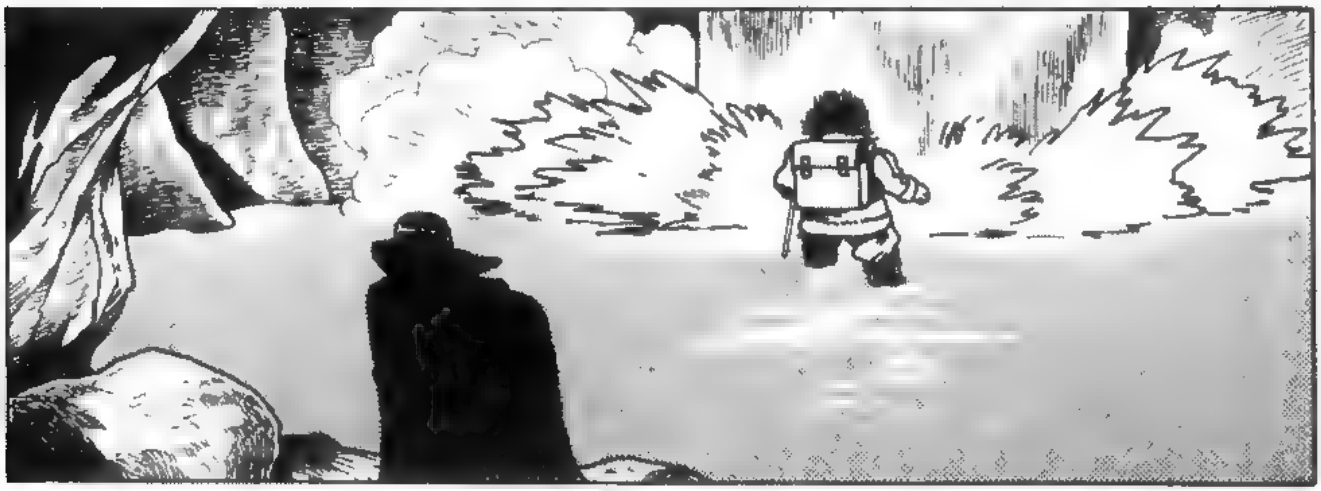
A SCIENTIST IS NEVER AFRAID OF THE UNKNOWN! I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH COURAGE FROM A MORTAL NOT MANY WOULD HAVE SO READILY ACCEPTED THIS RISK

BEFORE YOU GO, STEAMHEAD I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING

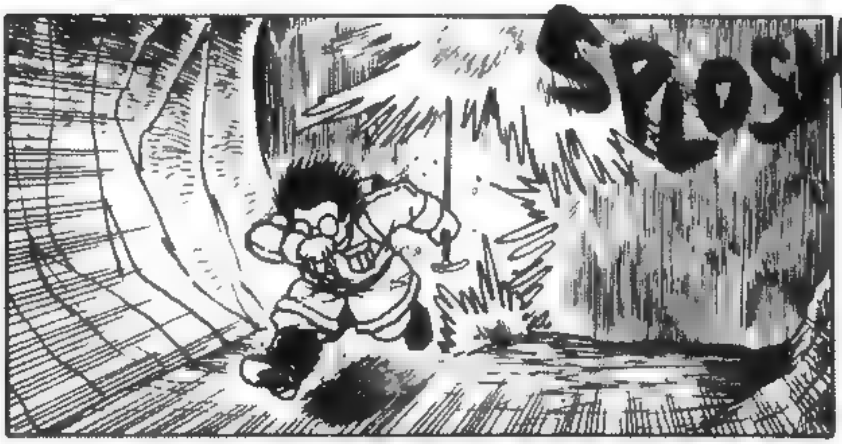
I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THIS STAKE WAS PLANTED THERE AHEAD OF TIME

HAD YOU INTENDED TO USE T. I WOULD HAVE BEEN FORCED TO DESTROY YOU

I HAD NO INTENTION OF USING IT

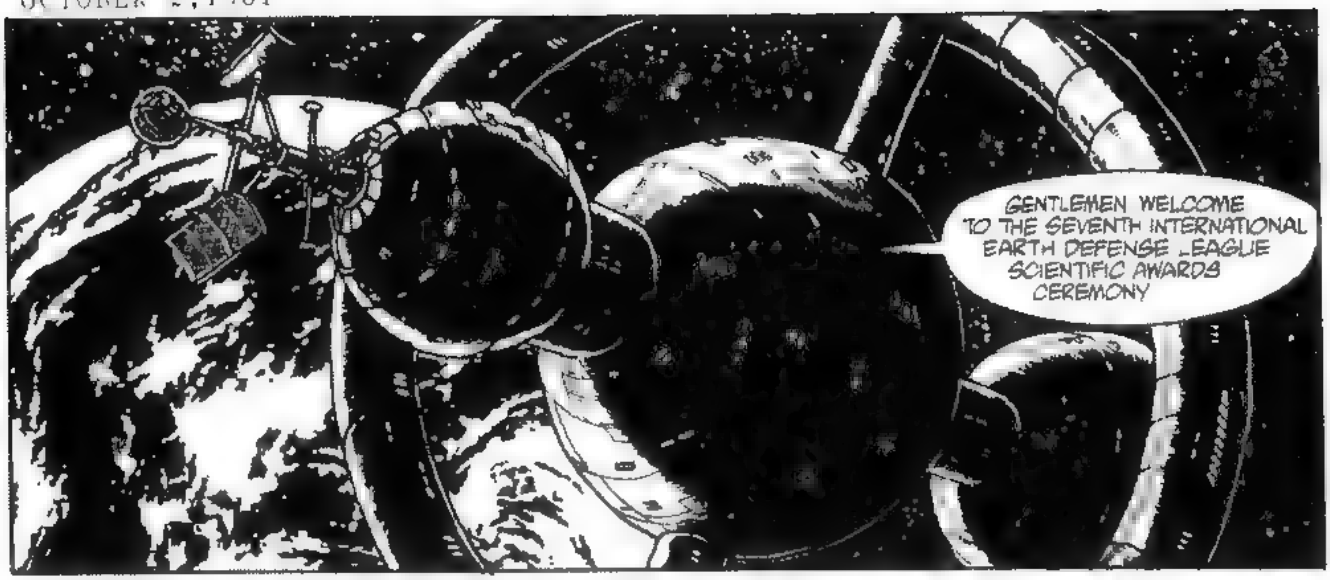


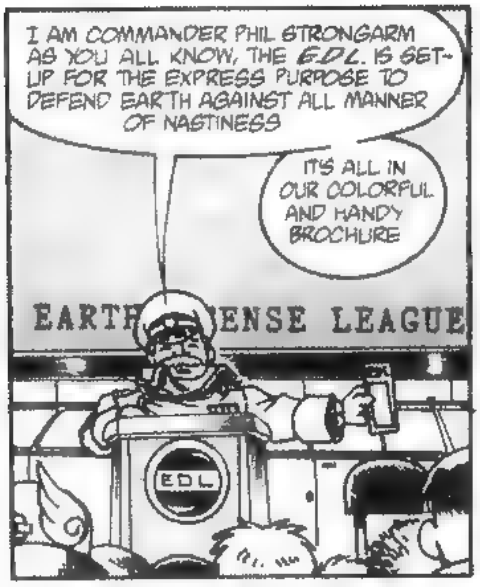
A REMARKABLE MAN I HOPE WE MEET AGAIN AFTER THIS AWFUL PURGE


SPLOSH!

A WAY OUT THERE WERE NO TRAPS
HE SET ME FREE

WHAT'S THIS?
EXCAVATE. EXCAVATE.
ZETRANITE! JUST WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR
ALL I NEED IS A FEW CHUNKS
SNAP!
SOUND OF TWIG SNAPPING UNDERFOOT
WHO ARE YOU?
JUST A SCIENTIST YOUNG MAN
YOU LOOK HARMLESS ENOUGH
AND WHAT IS YOUR FEARSOME PURPOSE?
THE DEMON PURGE


GENTLEMEN WELCOME TO THE SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL EARTH DEFENSE LEAGUE SCIENTIFIC AWARDS CEREMONY


I AM COMMANDER PHIL STRONGARM AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE EDL IS SET-UP FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE TO DEFEND EARTH AGAINST ALL MANNER OF NASTINESS
IT'S ALL IN OUR COLORFUL AND HANDY BROCHURE
EDL

FROM HERE WE CONTROL OTHER SUCH DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS
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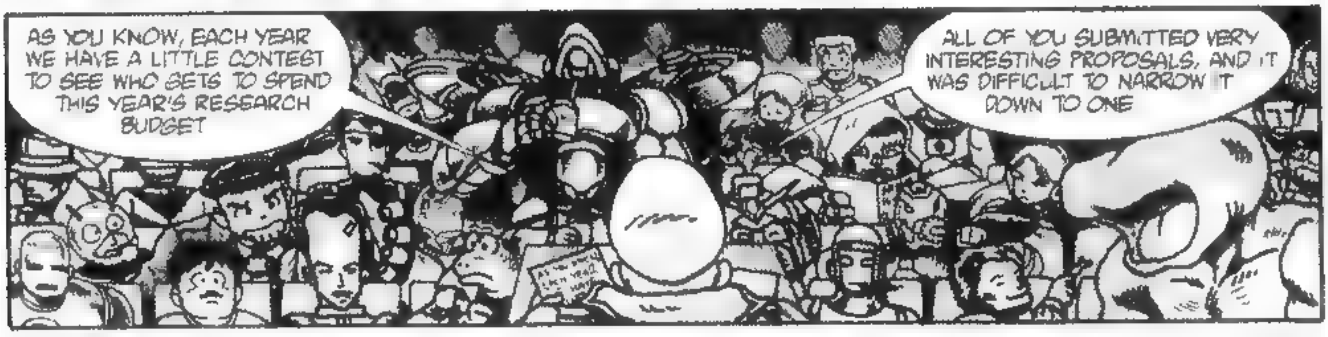
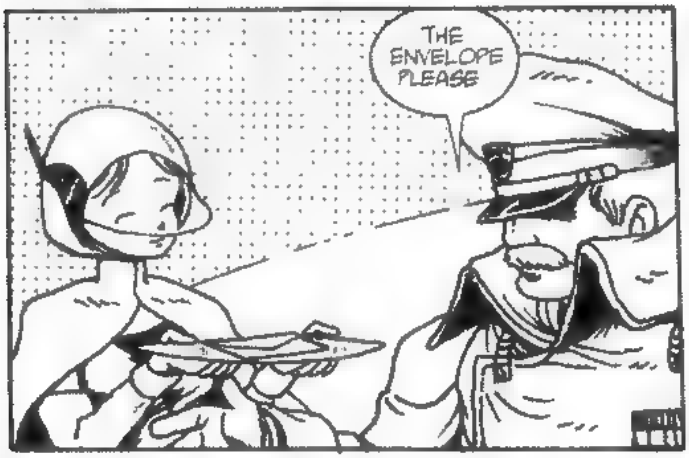
EARTH DEFENSE LEAGUE
N.A.D.O./ U.N.I.T./C.I.A./INTERPOL/W.E.L.


AS YOU KNOW, EACH YEAR WE HAVE A LITTLE CONTEST TO SEE WHO GETS TO SPEND THIS YEAR'S RESEARCH BUDGET
ALL OF YOU SUBMITTED VERY INTERESTING PROPOSALS, AND IT WAS DIFFICULT TO NARROW IT DOWN TO ONE


THE ENVELOPE PLEASE

IT IS DECIDED THAT THIS YEAR'S AWARD GOES TO WEED WITCHAWDS!
PUFF
CURSES!

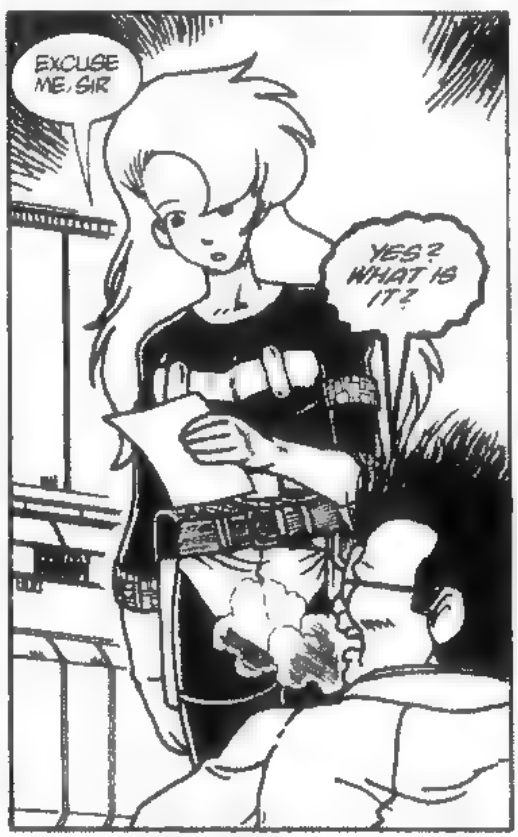
THANK YOU MY PWOPOSAL IS TO WAUNCH A WOCKET TO THE MOON AND BECOME EXPWOSED TO COSMIC WAYS, THUS ENDOWING EVEWYONE INSIDE WITH SUPER-POWEWS
BAH!

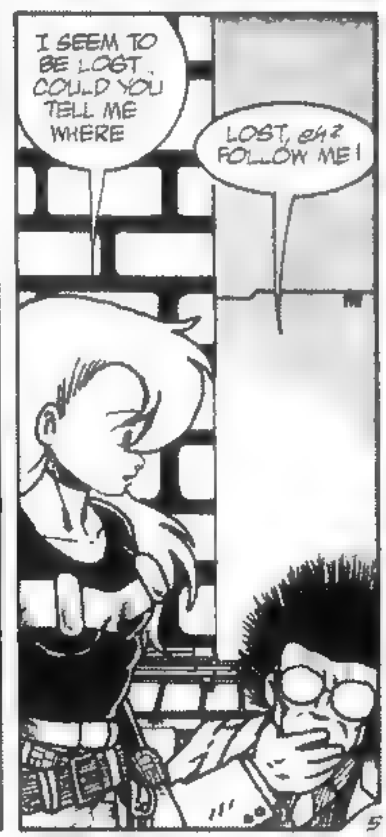
YES, STEAMHEAD? DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

MY OWN RESEARCH SHOWS CONCLUSIVELY THAT IT WOULD BE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO BUILD A SUPERCOMPUTER TO CONTROL SPECIALLY TREATED STEAM TO ENDOW SUPERPOWERS!

IT WOULD BE LESS RANDOM, SAFER, AND CHEAPER!
POP!
?
THANK YOU PROFESSOR, BUT THE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED
PERHAPS NEXT YEAR

FEH!
DO THOSE FOOLS NOT SEE HOW STEAM COULD BENEFIT THEM?!
PUT PUNG

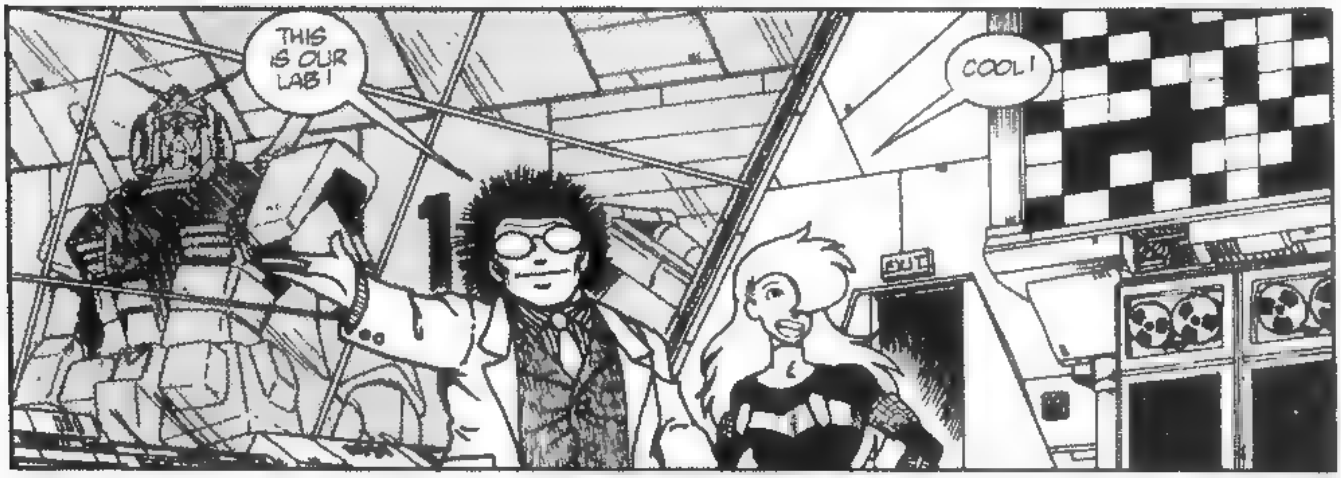

EXCUSE ME, SIR
YES? WHAT IS IT?


I SEEM TO BE LOST. COULD YOU TELL ME WHERE
LOST, EH? FOLLOW ME!

SAY, YOU'RE PROFESSOR STEAMHEAD!
SO I AM

WOW! I'VE READ ALL YOUR BOOKS! THEY RE VERY EXCITING!
YOUNG GIRL, WHY ARE YOU HERE?
ACTUALLY, I'M YOUR NEW ASSISTANT!

YOU ARE ?!?


THIS IS OUR LAB!
COOL!
EXIT

TAKE A LOOK AROUND!
SAY, WHAT'S THIS THING?

THAT IS ZETRACOM! A SUPER COMPUTER POWERED BY ZETRANITE!
WELL, I'LL BE

DO YOU WISH A DEMONSTRATION?
SURE!

HEY!
SLAM!

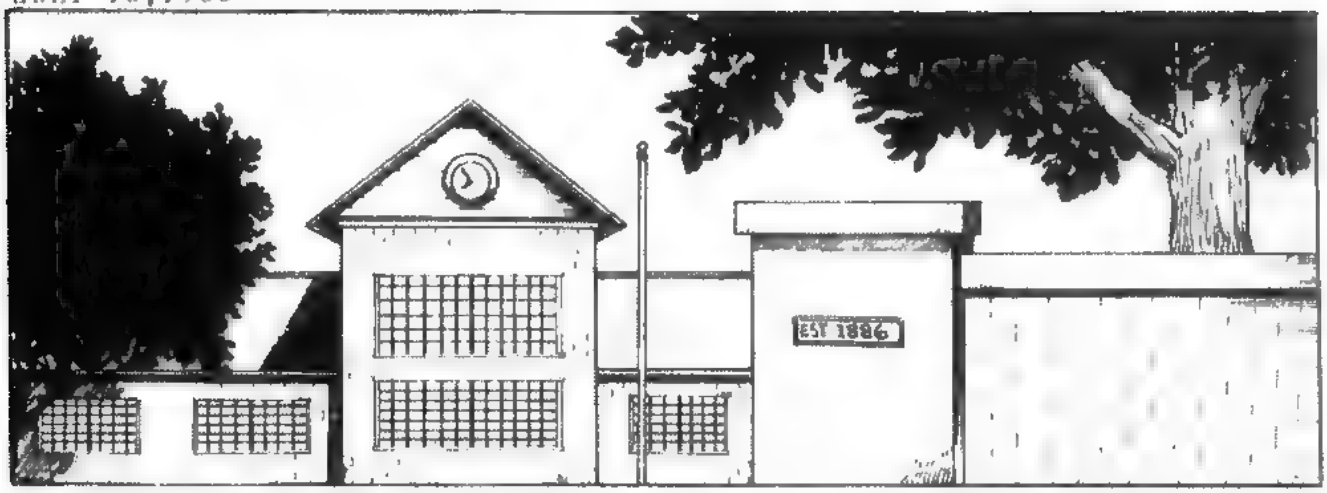
JUST RELAX, YOUNG GIRL LET THE STEAM FILL THE CHAMBER

DING!
WELL-DONE!
AH, FINISHED!

WHERE ARE YOU, PROFESSOR?
HHHISS,
SSS!!

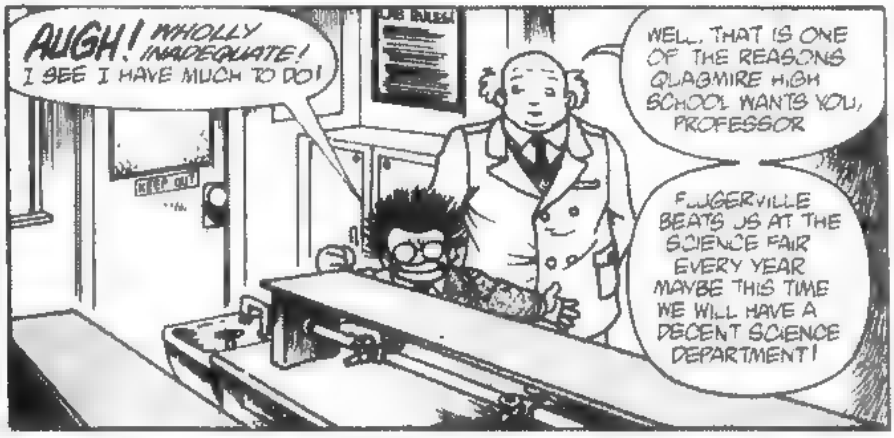
HOW DO YOU FEEL.. uh, I DID NOT CATCH YOUR NAME

YOU CAN CALL ME TERRY!
YOUR MOVE CREEP!


EST 1886

WELCOME BACK, PROFESSOR
QUAGMIRE HIGH SCHOOL EST 1886

?
ZIP

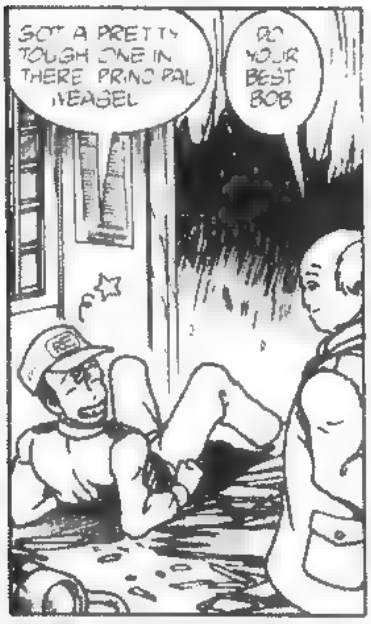

AUGH! WHOLLY INADEQUATE! I SEE I HAVE MUCH TO DO!
WELL, THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS QUAGMIRE HIGH SCHOOL WANTS YOU, PROFESSOR
FUGGERVILLE BEATS US AT THE SCIENCE FAIR EVERY YEAR MAYBE THIS TIME WE WILL HAVE A DECENT SCIENCE DEPARTMENT!

HAH! A PROFESSOR OF STEAMOLOGY DOES NOT SETTLE FOR JUST MERELY "DECENT"

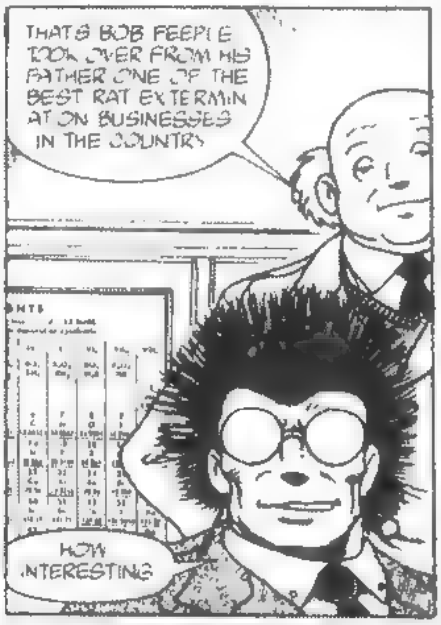
I'LL NEED A FEW ITEMS.
I'LL HAVE SOMEONE ATTEND TO IT RIGHT AWAY
A GUIDE TO A BETTER LAB

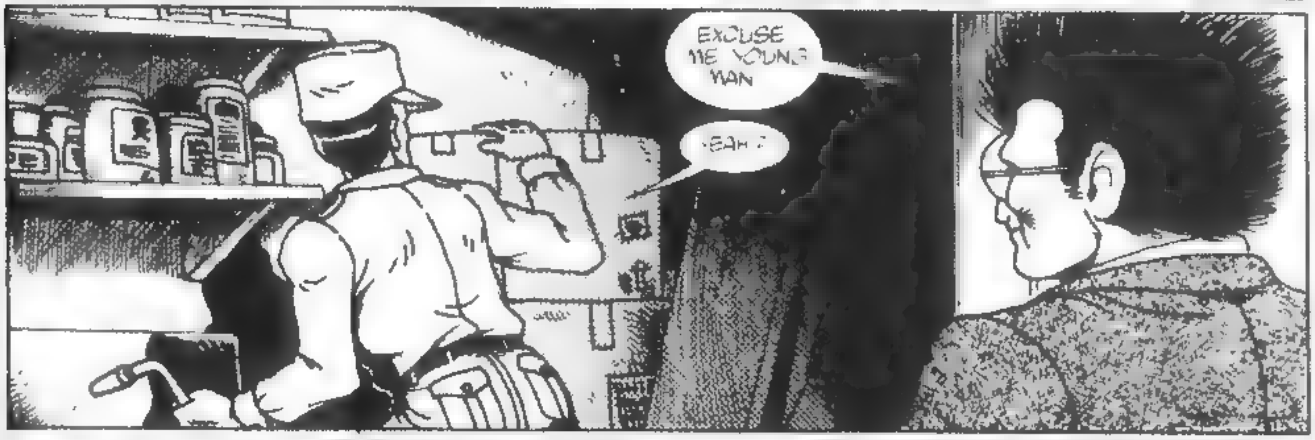
KRASH!

KRAASH!


GOT A PRETTY TOUGH ONE IN THERE PRINCIPAL WEASEL
DO YOUR BEST BOB

RIGHT! I'LL GET HIM THIS TIME!


THAT'S BOB FEEPLE TOOK OVER FROM HIS FATHER ONE OF THE BEST RAT EXTERMINATION BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTRY
HOW INTERESTING


EXCUSE ME YOUNG MAN
YEAH?

DO YOU KNOW A JOSHUA FEEPLE?
SURE! HE'S MY GRANDFATHER!

DID YOU KNOW HIM?
OH YES A FINE MAN

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF I AM S.S.S. STEAM-HEAD

WELL, I'LL BE A SEWER RAT! GRANDPA USED TO TALK ABOUT YOU ALL THE TIME!
RE

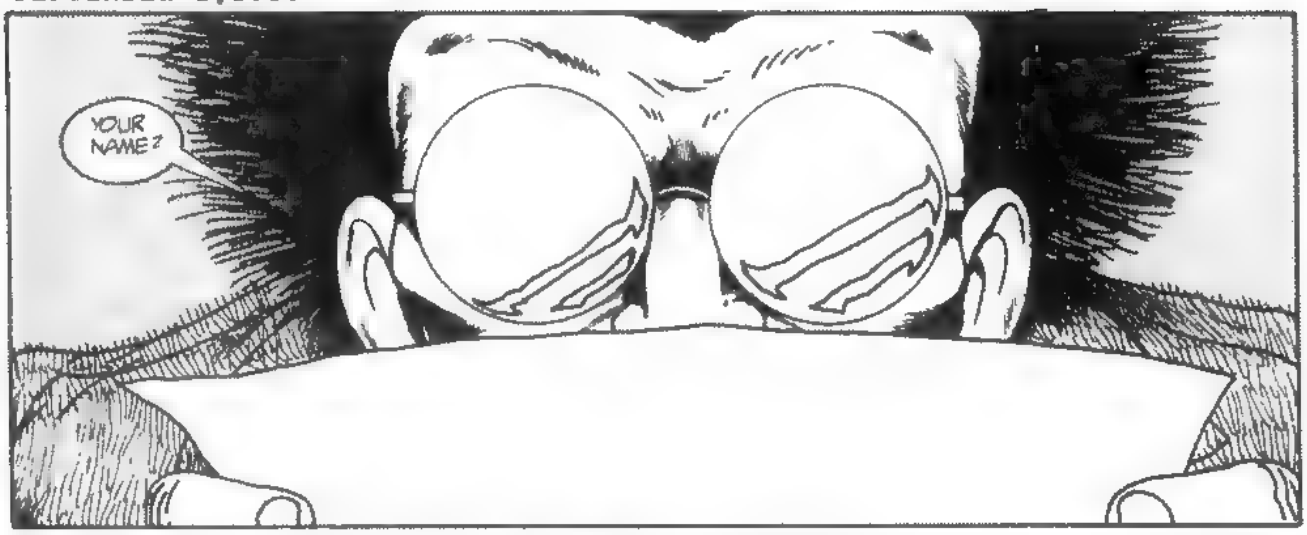
DID HE?

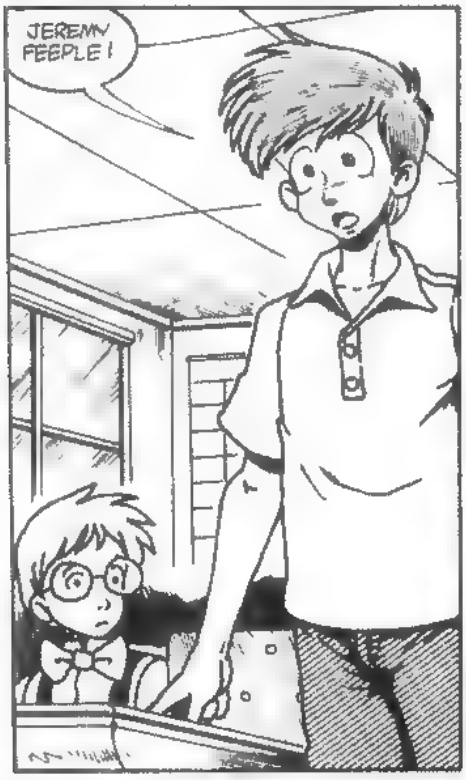
SURE! WHY, IT WAS YOUR STEAM HOSE THAT FOREVER CHANGED RAT EXTERMINATION!
RE
HOW FLATTERING

POUNCE!
RE
OOF!

COME BACK HERE YOU RODENT!
RE
VVRROOOM

HE'S STILL A LITTLE GREEN
NOBED.


YOUR NAME?


JEREMY PEEPLE!

GOOD SIT DOWN
NOW THAT WE'VE WASTED ENOUGH TIME WITH THIS, LET US GET ON WITH THE BUSINESS OF LEARNING!

IF YOU DON'T LEARN ANYTHING, IT WON'T BE BECAUSE OF MY TEACHING!
IT'LL BE BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO LEARN!

OH BOY, IT'S GOING TO BE ONE OF THOSE CLASSES
SHHH

I WANT TO HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY
TIGER-X
HARLOK

END

NINJA HIGH SCHOOL
'PAPER JAM'
ART & PLOT
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BOYS GYM
GOTTA HURRY. SHE'LL BE HERE SOON!
♫ JEREMY! ♪
ARE YOU READY, JEREMY?
UH, NOT QUITE!
YOU TAKE UP ENTIRELY TOO MUCH TIME! WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE
I'M GOING AS AS QUICKLY AS I CAN! YOU DON'T HAVE TO TO COME IN, YOU KNOW.
BUT WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR CLASS!
WHY, IF IT WASN'T FOR ME, YOU'D PROBABLY MISS EVERY SINGLE CLASS!
STUFF!
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO GO THIS FAR, CHI!

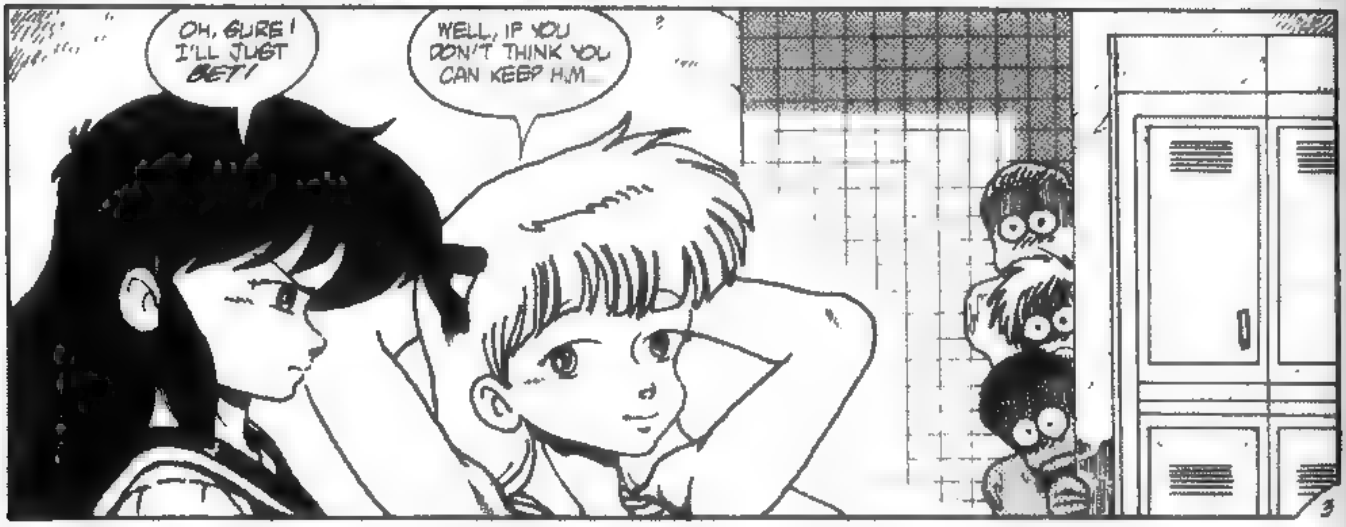
OH, IT'S NO TROUBLE. I DO LIKE BEING WITH YOU, JEREMY..
AFTER ALL, WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR?
SNUG SNUG

WHAP!

ASRIAL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
HAH! I COULD ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION, ICHI!

AFTER ALL, I DO HAVE THE DAY OFF
YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD A DAY OFF EVER SINCE YOU GOT THAT JOB!

OH, STOP BEING SO PROTECTIVE! I'M HERE BECAUSE I FEEL THAT ATTENDING CLASSES WILL BETTER HELP ME UNDERSTAND ABOUT THIS PLACE.
WE SALLSIANS PRIDE OURSELVES ON TRYING TO LEARN ABOUT OTHER BEINGS!
BESIDES IT MIGHT BE FUN


OH, SURE! I'LL JUST BET!
WELL, IF YOU DON'T THINK YOU CAN KEEP HIM...

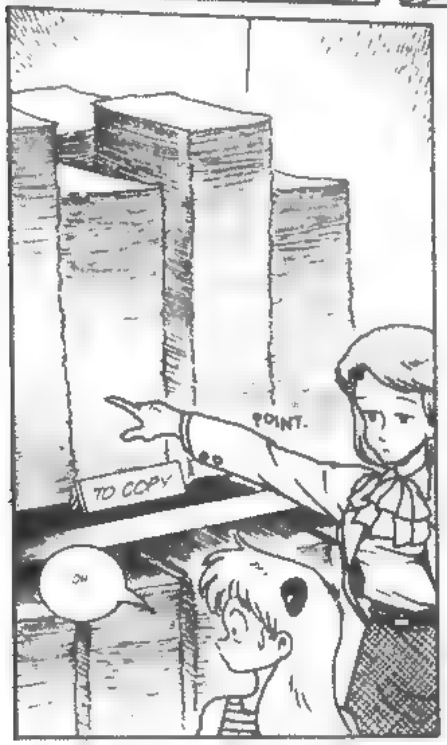
RRI!!!NNGG!
OH, NO! WE'RE LATE!
AND THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT'S ON THE SECOND FLOOR!
CAN WE TALK ABOUT THIS LATER, ASRIAL? THERE ARE A FEW THINGS I HAD MY EYES ON YOU MIGHT FIND INTERESTING!
OTHER THAN JEREMY?
EXIT
SIGH! SO MUCH FOR CATCHING JEREMY ALONE
SOMEDAY I'D LIKE TO FIND OUT WHAT HE THINKS OF ME FOR A CHANGE
OH, WELL
I HATE MY JOB
I SHOULD JOIN HOME ECONOMICS LEARNING TO COOK EARTHIAN FOOD WILL DELIGHT MY MOTHER
HOME ECONOMICS SIGN UP NOW!
JOIN THE EARTH DEFENSE LEAGUE
—A JOB WITH A FUTURE—
GALACTIC CORPS HAS A JOB FOR YOU
HOMEWORK ANSWERS! CALL JOE
ROBOTECH RESISTANCE
JOIN THE TIGERS OF TERRA
USED VERITECH CALL RICK CASH OKAY!
MECHA-MEN!

EXPLODE!
?
I THOUGHT STEAMHEAD'S CLASS WAS UPSTAIRS..

NO THAT'S NOT IT

MS CELANDE? WHAT'S GOING ON?
ASRIAL! WHAT A SURPRISE TO SEE YOU
COPY RULES

I'M DOING A SMALL REPAIR JOB THE COPIER WENT OUT YESTERDAY
AND, UNFORTUNATELY, IT TURNED OUT TO BE MORE SERIOUS THAN I THOUGHT. THE SCHOOL BUDGET CAN'T HANDLE A NEW ONE OR AFFORD A REPAIRMAN.
THAT SO? HOW BAD DO YOU NEED IT?


POINT.
TO COPY
OH

HMMM MY VACATION'S IN A FEW DAYS. I COULD GO TO THE 23RD CENTURY AND GET 200-YEAR LONGTERM PARTS
MAYBE I COULD FIX IT!

I DON'T KNOW. THIS IS MUCH MORE COMPLEX THAN A MERE AUTO.
IT DOESN'T LOOK THAT HARD
FIX
tinker

WELL, JUST AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T FLOAT IN THE AIR WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED

FLOAT IN THE AIR? NOW THAT'S *SILLY*, MS CELANDE

WHY WOULD I DO THAT?

POUF!

TWIST TWIST.

THERE!

SHE'S PURRING LIKE A KITTEN!

ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR SALLS AN KNOW-HOW!

SWHHHHS...

DING!

I HOPE YOU'RE NOT WORRIED ABOUT MY IMPROVEMENTS

THAT'S OKAY. I PUT IN SOME OF MY *OWN*, IN FACT

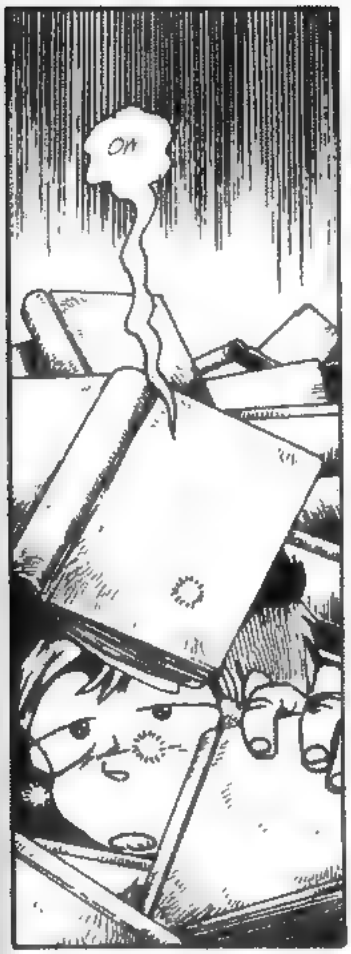
THEN WHY DON'T WE MAKE IT DO *COLOR*?

NO, I THINK THIS WILL DO FINE ASRIAL! BESIDES YOU NEED TO TAKE A SHOWER

COPY ROOM

SHWHHHH...

KA-COPY!

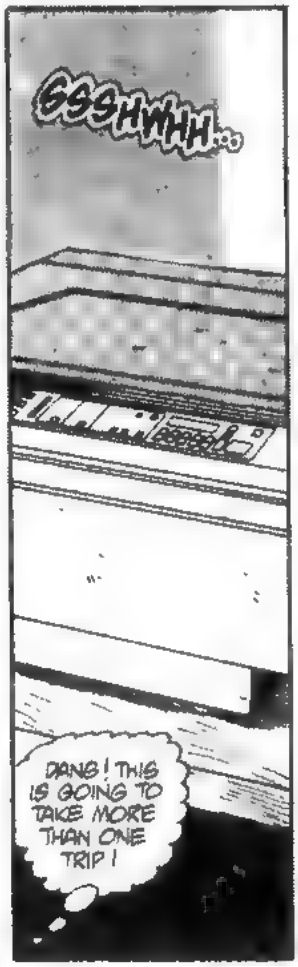

OH

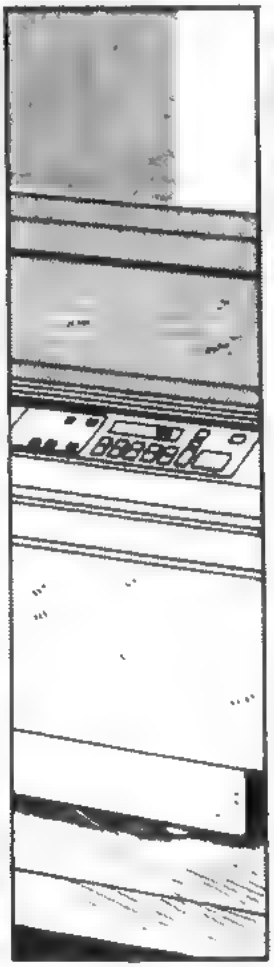
MUST BE A NEW MODEL

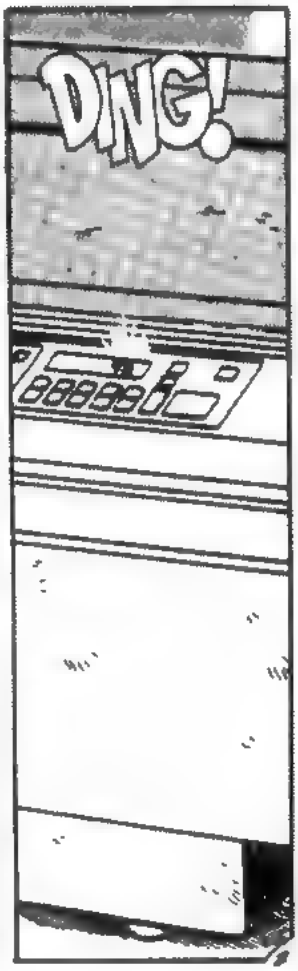
IT CERTAINLY WAS FAST SAY, NOT ALL THESE COPIES ARE EXACT
"CREAM/BEAN POWER IN THE MIDDLE AGES" "STEAM/BEAN POWER IN THE LIDDLE AGES"

WELL, THAT'S NOT MY CONCERN! I'M JUST GLAD TO GET THIS OVER WITH!

I GUESS THESE'LL HAVE TO DO.
GRUNT.


SSSHWHH...
DANG! THIS IS GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN ONE TRIP!

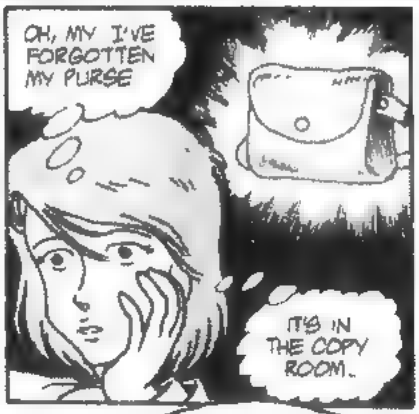



DING!

THERE! THAT OUGHT TO DO IT!
I GOT ALL YOUR OTHER PAPERS STACKED!

DO YOU NEED ME FOR ANY-THING ELSE?
UHHMM...NO, NOT REALLY. I CAN HANDLE IT FROM HERE

I'LL RECOMMEND YOU TO THE VOCATIONAL DEPARTMENT!
WITH LUCK, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SQUEEZE YOU IN A COUPLE OF CLASSES!
THANKS!
AND GET SOME DECENT SCHOOL CLOTHES, ASRIAL!


OH, MY I'VE FORGOTTEN MY PURSE
IT'S IN THE COPY ROOM.

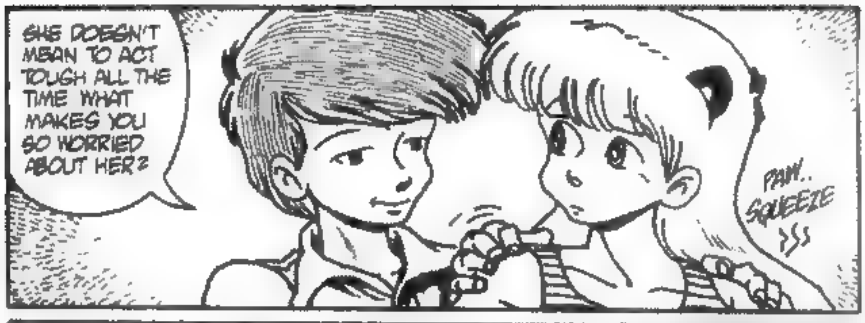
ASRIAL! COULD YOU PICK UP MY PURSE ON YOUR WAY TO THE GIRLS SHOWERS!

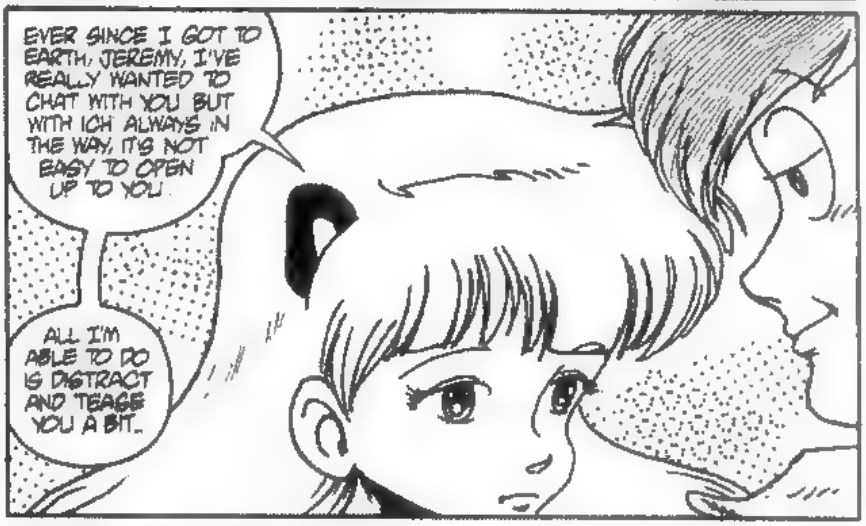
SURE THING, MS OELANDE!

HE'S BEEN OUT HERE TOO LONG.
WHAT COULD BE HOLDING HIM UP?

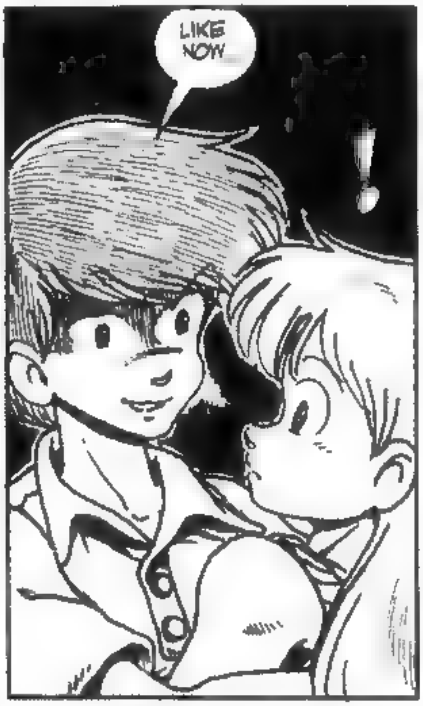
SCRITCH SCRITCH
?
COPY ROOM
JEREMY! YOU FOUND IT!
IS THIS YOURS?
NO, YOU SILLY BOY JEREMY? ARE YOU FEELING OKAY?
IT'S JUST A DIZZY SPELL
SHWHH-DING
SHWHH-DING
SHWHH-DING
C'MON! I THINK YOU NEED TO SIT DOWN AND HAVE A GLASS OF WATER
FEEL BETTER?
YEAH THANKS
EH?
EASY NOW.
!!!

WHAT'S WRONG?
JUST LOOKING FOR ICHI SHE MIGHT DECIDE TO POP UP OUT OF NOWHERE

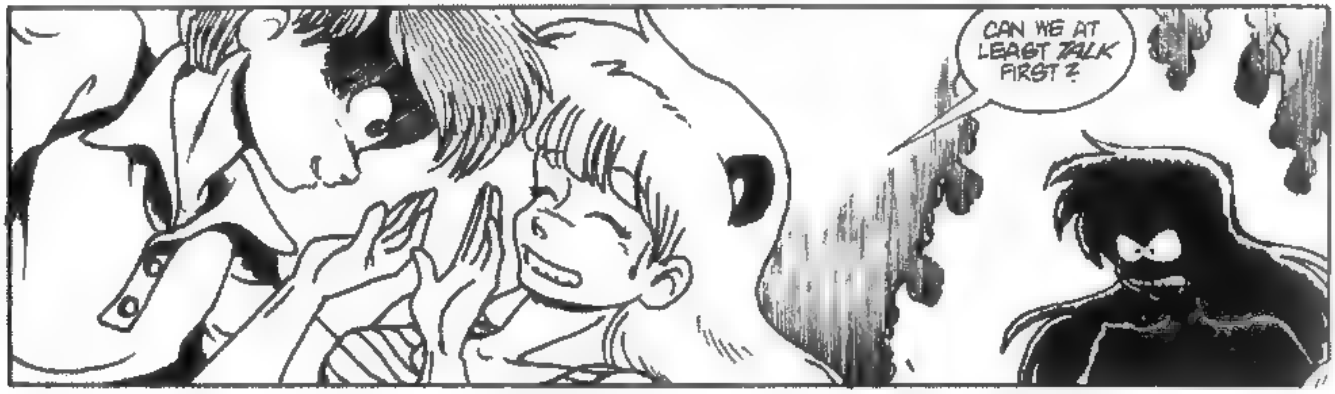

SHE DOESN'T MEAN TO ACT TOUGH ALL THE TIME WHAT MAKES YOU SO WORRIED ABOUT HER?
PAIN.. SQUEEZE


EVER SINCE I GOT TO EARTH, JEREMY, I'VE REALLY WANTED TO CHAT WITH YOU BUT WITH ICHI ALWAYS IN THE WAY, IT'S NOT EASY TO OPEN UP TO YOU.
ALL I'M ABLE TO DO IS DISTRACT AND TEASE YOU A BIT..

THOSE LITTLE MOVES DO EXCITE ME. IF YOU WANT MY OPINION, I THINK YOU NEED SOME REAL HE-MAN COMPANIONSHIP!
AND THERE ARE TIMES WHEN ICHI IS AWAY
GRAB!


LIKE NOW

ICHI NEVER MENTIONED JEREMY ACTING THIS WAY TO HER! EITHER THAT OR SHE'S KEPT THAT PART OUT!
JEREMY! SLOW DOWN!


CAN WE AT LEAST TALK FIRST?

THAT'S ENOUGH, YOU TWO!!
HIS
HERS
!!
!?!!
:WHEW:
RUSH!
JEREMY ?
:HUMPH:
:GRUNT:
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
GRAB!

MURAPH

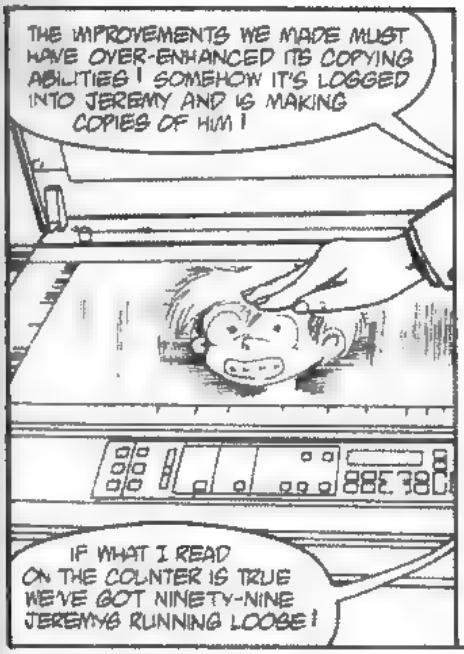
AND SO .
AFTER THAT, WE FOUND SEVEN MORE ROAMING AROUND!
I KNOW! THREE OF THEM JUMPED ME I GAVE THEM DETENTION
COPY ROOM

WHERE COULD THEY BE COMING FROM?
?
SHWWHH-PING

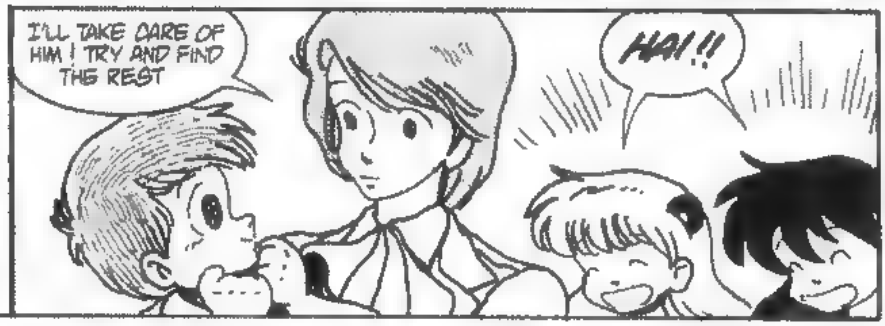
RUSH!
JEREMY! IS IS IT YOU?
OH HI, ITCHY

SNUG

ASRIAL! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!


THE IMPROVEMENTS WE MADE MUST HAVE OVER-ENHANCED ITS COPYING ABILITIES! SOMEHOW IT'S LOGGED INTO JEREMY AND IS MAKING COPIES OF HIM!
IF WHAT I READ ON THE COUNTER IS TRUE WE'VE GOT NINETY-NINE JEREMYS RUNNING LOOSE!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?
I THINK WE SHOULD COLLECT ALL OF HIS COPIES FIRST!
GOOD! HERE'S THE FIRST ONE!


I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM! TRY AND FIND THE REST
HA!!

PROFESSOR STEAMHEAD! HAVE YOU SEEN ANY JEREMY FEEPLES?
WHY YES. HE'S HELPING ME WITH SOME PROBLEMS
HE'S ACCELERATED MORE THAN I EXPECTED. I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT HIS KNOWLEDGE OF STEAMOLOGY MINIMAL.
BUT HE'S SHOWING *VAST* IMPROVEMENT

WELL, WE NEED TO TAKE HIM SOMEWHERE!

SCHWOMP!

MUST I, ICHI-KUN?
YES!
BUT HE'S ADVANCED STEAMOLOGY BY FIFTEEN YEARS!

EEAAHH!
NOW WHAT?
REVEAL!
FLING!
FLIP!
AHH! KEEP AWAY!
COME ALONG, SWEETIE! YOU COULD USE A BIT OF A WASH!
ITCHY!
ITCHY! COME HERE AND LET ME GIVE YOU A GOOD KNEADING!
HURTLE
. . . .
MANNERS!
KRUNCH
THANKS, ARNIE
YO
¡CHI! I FORGOT TO ASK WHERE MS CELANDE WANTS THEM

FLUTTER
TIME TO HIT THE SHOWERS!
GO FOR IT

WAHAHAAHAHAHAHAHAHA
OY
I LOVE YOU!

I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THERE ARE TWO OF US. THERE'S NO EXPLANATION I CAN THINK OF
HEY THIS IS QUAGMIRE. DO YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION?

WELL, IF MY BRILLIANTLY DEDUCTIVE MIND SERVES ME RIGHT, THEN THERE'S SOME FIENDISH DUPLICATION DEVICE, PROBABLY RNC OR ZARDON IN NATURE BEING USED!
IN FACT, I'D VENTURE TO SAY THERE'S MORE THAN JUST THE TWO OF US IN THESE HALLS!
AND HERE I THOUGHT IT WAS SOMETHING WE ATE!

WHAM!

NATURALLY, MY QUICK THINKING SAVED US FROM CERTAIN HARM. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, CITIZEN?
THERE GOES ANOTHER ONE!
I THINK SO.

MUCH LATER
FOUND TWO MORE, MS CELANDE.
GOOD! BRING THEM TO THE GYM. WE MIGHT HAVE TO MOVE. IT'S GETTING CROWDED...

MY GOSH!
JUST PUT THEM OVER THERE

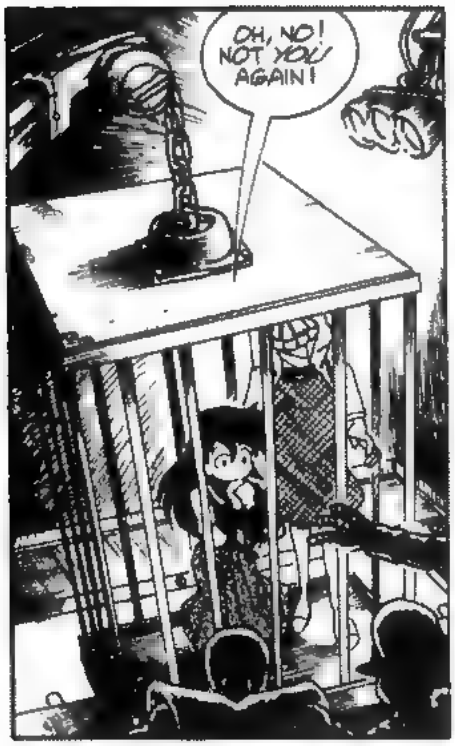
I DIDN'T REALIZE THERE'D BE SO MANY OF THEM!

OKAY! WHO ORDERED THE CHEEGEBURGER TEMPURA COMBO? PLEASE COME FORWARD
GOT ANY KETCHUP?
SAKURA INN

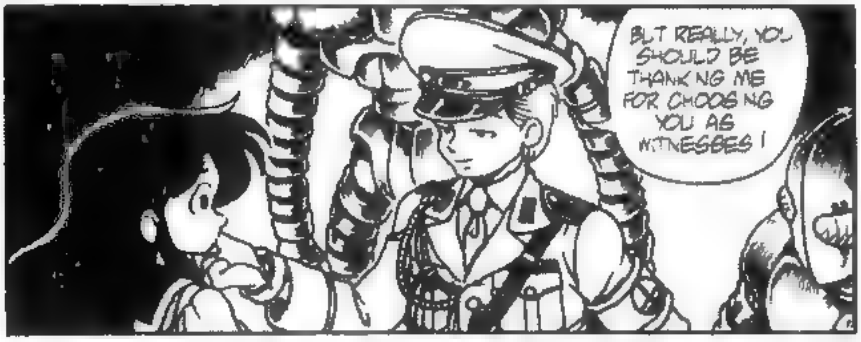
I GOT $4.22, ALSO WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BUY ONE AND SHARE IT
AND GET YOUR GERMS? FORGET IT!
TOSS!

MMMMUCH LATER...
WHAT NUMBER ARE WE ON NOW?
SOMEWHERE IN THE EARLY EIGHTIES
WHEN YOU TOLD ME YOU HAD TROUBLE KEEPING TRACK OF HIM, I DIDN'T REALIZE.

JEREMY, MAY I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU?
I DIDN'T NEED TO SEE THAT
WHAT?
WHAT'S WRONG?
NOW THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED, I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH ALL OF THEM. I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF HAVING JEREMY ALL THE TIME. BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH! AND THE WORST PART OF IT IS THAT NONE OF THEM SEEM TO BE THE JEREMY I REALLY KNOW!
IT'S LIKE EACH COPY HAS SOME ASPECT OF JEREMY'S PERSONALITY TO AN EXTREME!
I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF HAVING TO CARE FOR NINETY-NINE JEREMYS EITHER
LIVING WITH ONE PERSON IS DIFFICULT ENOUGH! PLEASE, BE PATIENT AND I'LL DO MY BEST TO SOLVE THIS
WITH LUCK THE COPIER WILL SET EVERYTHING RIGHT!
BUT IF IT DOESN'T...
I GUESS JEREMY WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT POOR ATTENDANCE ANYMORE
!!
KLANG!!
WOOP!!


OH, NO! NOT YOU AGAIN!

YOU KNOW ME?
ODD THAT I DON'T


BUT REALLY, YOU SHOULD BE THANKING ME FOR CHOOSING YOU AS WITNESSES!

YOU BETTER NOT BE THINKING OF TAKING OVER QUAGMIRE!
THIS PATHETIC LITTLE SLIME HEAP? WHY SHOULD I BE CONTENT TO TAKE CONTROL OF A SMALL, RURAL TOWN WHEN THE WORLD IS A FAR BIGGER PRIZE???

USING WHAT I COULD SALVAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL'S WORKSHOP I WAS ABLE TO TAKE CONTROL OF EVERY CIVILIAN SATELLITE THAT IS IN ORBIT, QUICKLY FIGURE THEIR FUNCTIONS AND USE THEM FOR MY PURPOSES!
ONCE I TAP INTO THE MILITARY SATELLITES, THE WORLD WILL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT THEM!

OH, NOT ANOTHER WORLD CONQUEST ATTEMPT
ENOUGH ALREADY!

!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS!

PLEASE YOU'RE NOT THIS PERSON

YOU'RE NOT THIS PERSON.

HUG

DON'T BE SAD, ICHI-KUN

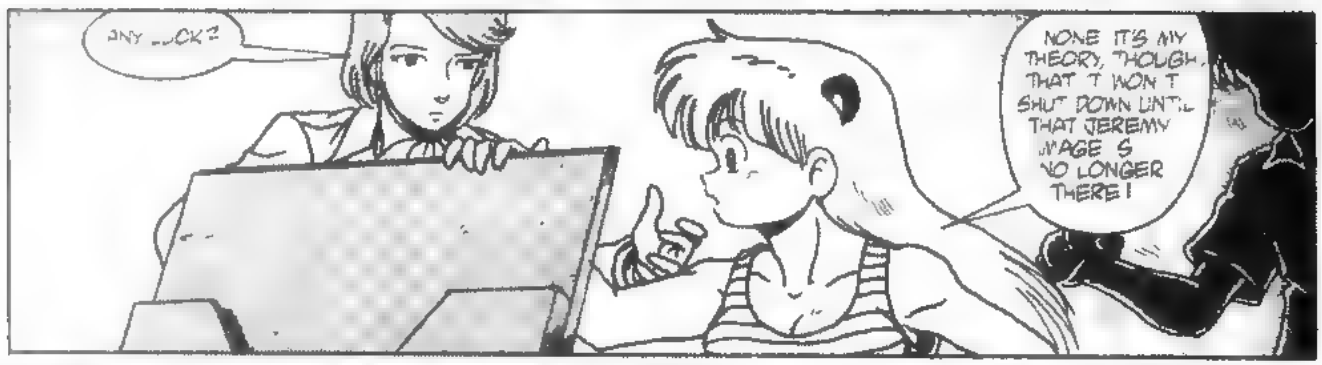
YOU KNOW I DON'T LIKE SEEING YOU THIS WAY

STOP HOLD SCREEN!
THE GIG'S OFF! STRIP EVERYTHING DOWN!
THANK GOODNESS
NINETY-EIGHT NINETY-NINE! THAT'S ALL OF THEM!
FINALLY!
BREAD'N BUTTER
BREAD'N BUTTER
FRIES? FRIES?
I HOPE YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS GET-TOGETHER! RIGHT NOW WE'RE TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO END THIS DILEMMA!
WHY?
LISTEN, PROFESSOR! WE ALL KNOW HOW JEREMY IS! PERHAPS WE CAN HELP HIM OUT BY ATTENDING CLASSES FOR HIM!
IT DOES SAY IN THE RULES THAT AS LONG AS HE ATTENDS CLASSES, HE'S OKAY
TRUE BUT YOUR FATES ARE NOT UP TO ME TO DECIDE
WE'RE ALL JEREMY! SO IT'S LEGIT!
WE COULD TAKE TURNS GOING TO CLASSES!
I KNEW IT
OR GO TO ALL OF THEM AT ONCE AND LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY!

TROUBLE
OF THESE
WANT
APART I
CONVINCING
THEM
YOU DID YOUR BEST THAT'S WHAT COUNTS

I'M GETTING TIRED OF SEEING MYSELF WALK AROUND
DON'T WORRY, ASRIAL AND MS CELANDE WILL FIND SOMETHING

THIS ONE'S THE CLOSEST TO MY JEREMY PERHAPS I SHOULD ASK HIM ABOUT THAT NIGHT IN THE TOWER


ANY LUCK?
NONE IT'S MY THEORY, THOUGH, THAT T WON T SHUT DOWN UNTIL THAT JEREMY IMAGE S NO LONGER THERE!

PLOP!
YOO-HOO! REMEMBER ME?
HI, AGAIN
GEE, MAYBE I COULD KEEP ONE EXTRA

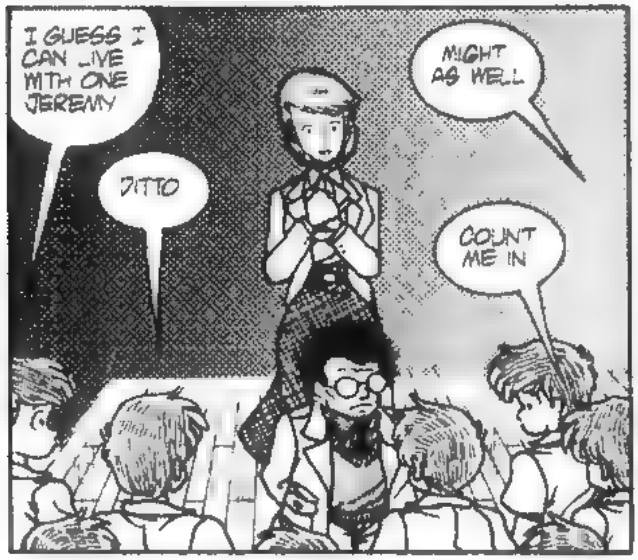
WHAT? I DIDN'T PRESS THE COPY BUTTON
DING!

SPPPLIIT

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?
HI
HI, YOURSELF

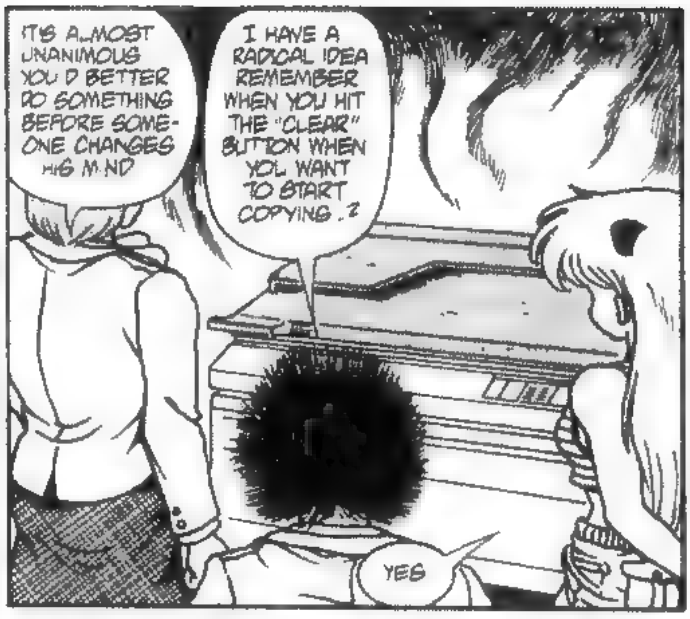
OF COURSE! SINCE YOU GUYS ARE "ALIVE," YOUR CELLS WENT THROUGH THE COPIER, WHICH IS ONLY MADE TO REPRODUCE! SO WHEN YOU REACH A "DEVELOPING POINT," YOUR CELLS WILL DUPLICATE A WHOLE NEW JEREMY THROUGH MEIOSIS!
IS THAT SO?
HOW ABOUT THAT

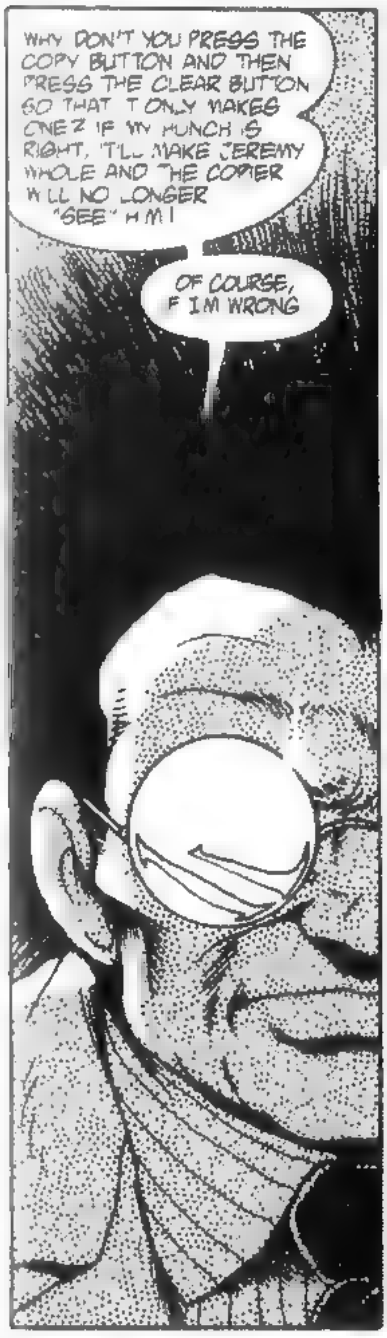
EXTRAORDINARY WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE UNTIL YOUR CELLS BECOME STABLE
BUT BY THEN THERE'S A CHANCE THAT A GOOD PORTION OF THE WORLD MIGHT BE COVERED BY JEREMYS!

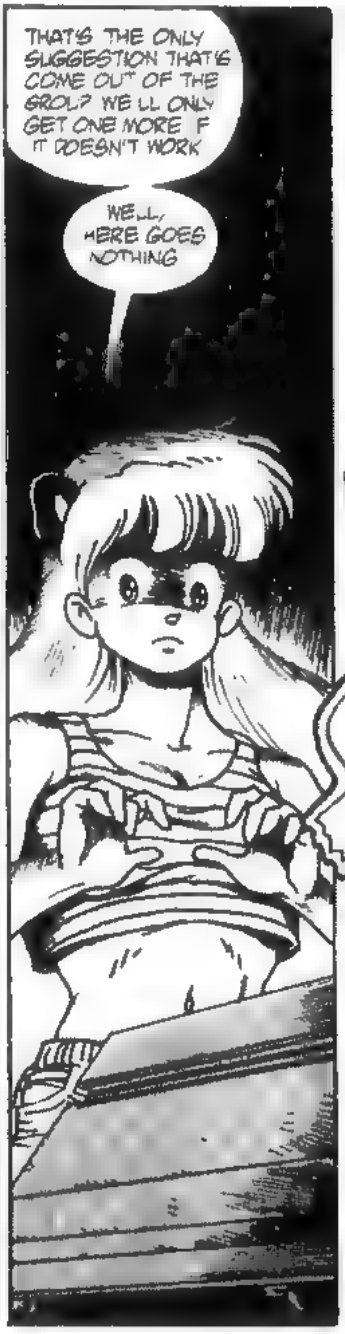

I GUESS I CAN LIVE WITH ONE JEREMY
DITTO
MIGHT AS WELL
COUNT ME IN

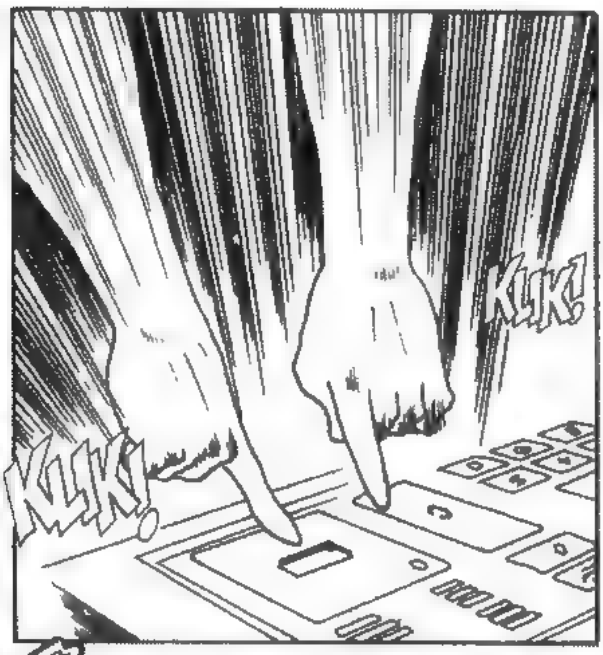
ONE JEREMY IS BETTER THAN A PLANET-FUL.
OH, WELL

HOPE IT'S NOT PAINFUL


IT'S ALMOST UNANIMOUS YOU'D BETTER DO SOMETHING BEFORE SOMEONE CHANGES HIS MIND
I HAVE A RADICAL IDEA REMEMBER WHEN YOU HIT THE "CLEAR" BUTTON WHEN YOU WANT TO START COPYING...?
YES


WHY DON'T YOU PRESS THE COPY BUTTON AND THEN PRESS THE CLEAR BUTTON SO THAT IT ONLY MAKES ONE? IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT, IT'LL MAKE JEREMY WHOLE AND THE COPIER WILL NO LONGER "SEE" HIM!
OF COURSE, IF I'M WRONG


THAT'S THE ONLY SUGGESTION THAT'S COME OUT OF THE GROUP. WE'LL ONLY GET ONE MORE IF IT DOESN'T WORK
WELL, HERE GOES NOTHING


KLIK!
KLIK!

HWWHH...

SSHHWWWHH
DING
THUMP!

JEREMY?

YOU FEELING OKAY?
:GROAN:

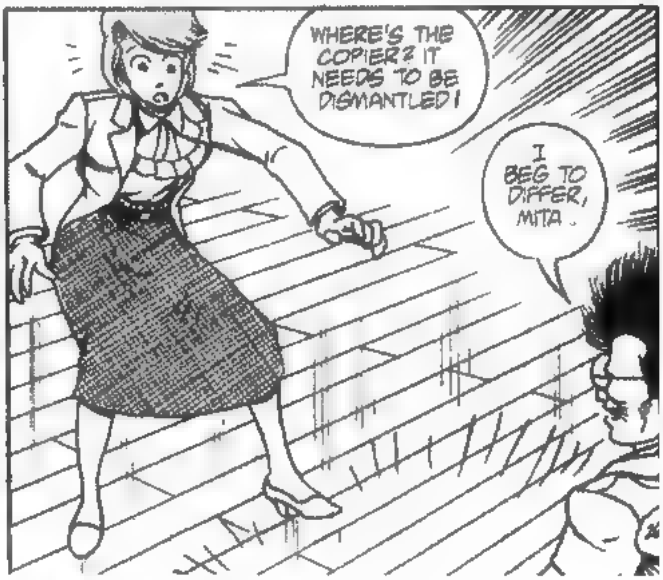
C'MON JEREMY YOU NEED TO LIE DOWN SOMEWHERE.
SHEESH! I HOPE THAT NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN

HE' REMEMBERS BEING SEPARATED
BUT I WONDER IF THIS IS THE REAL JEREMY

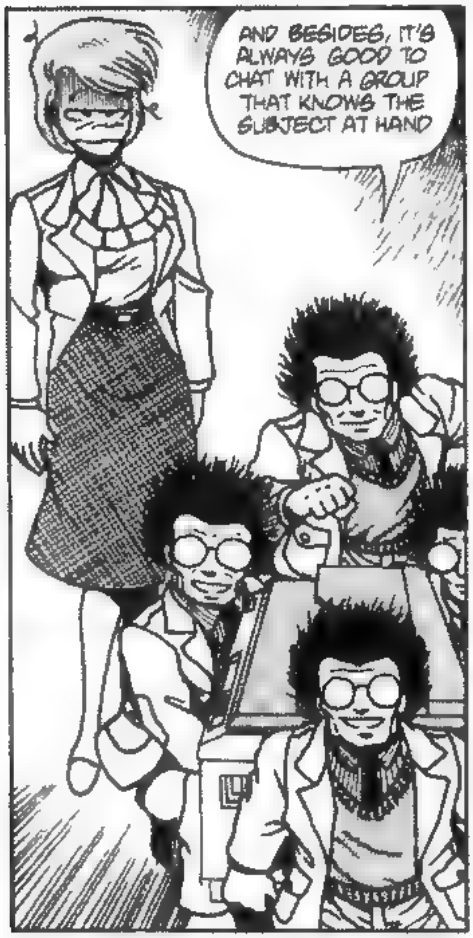
I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING, JEREMY
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT NIGHT

YOU MEAN IN DIMENSION X
YES.
COULD YOU DO IT AGAIN.

LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GET A NEW COPIER I HEAR THE RNC IS HAVING A BIG CLEARANCE THOSE CAN BE FIXED EASILY
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THIS ONE?

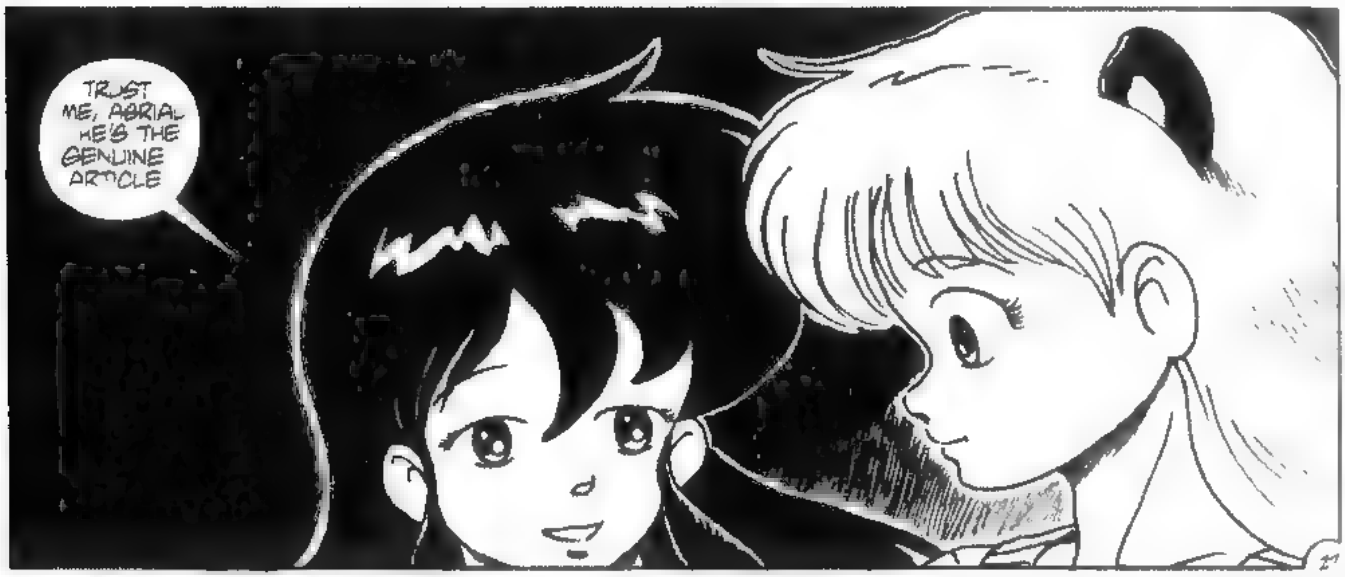

WHERE'S THE COPIER? IT NEEDS TO BE DISMANTLED!
I BEG TO DIFFER, MITA.

I'D LIKE TO HOLD ON TO IT, IF YOU PLEASE!
WHATEVER FOR, JOHANN?
I'VE MADE IT A HOBBY TO COLLECT UNUSUAL THINGS AND FIND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS FOR THEM USING THE PRINCIPLES OF STEAMOLOGY..


AND BESIDES, IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO CHAT WITH A GROUP THAT KNOWS THE SUBJECT AT HAND

NOW, WHERE DID THOSE TWO DISAPPEAR TO..?
BOYS
JEREMY! ITCHY!

SHHH NOT SO LOUD HE'S ASLEEP
WE'LL DRAG HIM HOME LATER
SWELL! FALLING ASLEEP AT A TIME LIKE THIS
HMMM I WONDER IF THIS IS THE REAL JEREMY
?


TRUST ME, ABRIAL HE'S THE GENUINE ARTICLE
?

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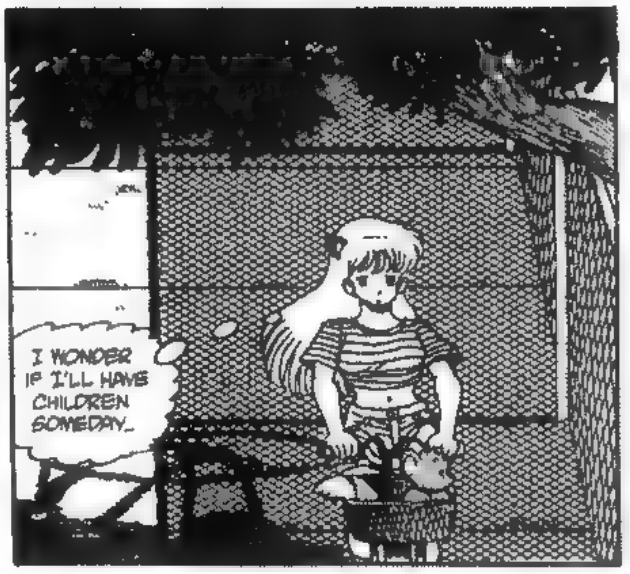
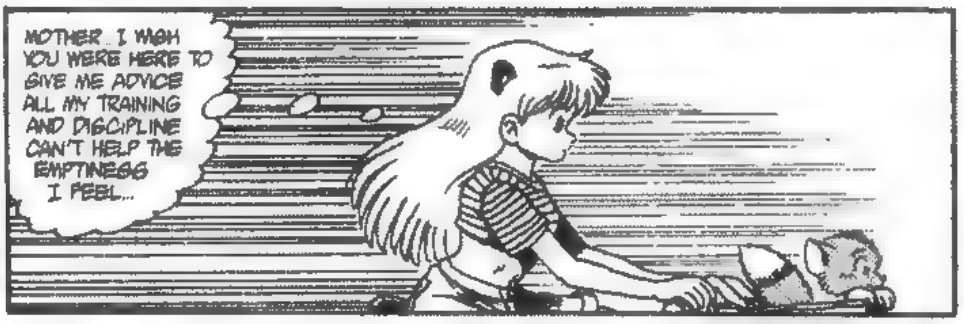
SOON NOW...
...UNTIL THE MOMENT OF TRUTH PASSES.
T- 6:15
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CATCH UP WITH HER
I JUST HOPE THAT I'M IN TIME EH?
VEEP VEEP
WARNING: INCOMING VEHICLE!!
SWERVE
EAT MY SPACE DUST!
WEEKEND TIME TRAVELERS!
NOW MY MACHINE'S OUT OF CONTROL AGAIN!

HOW CUTE
IT'S AMAZING HOW LIFE CAN BE SO SIMPLE AT TIMES.

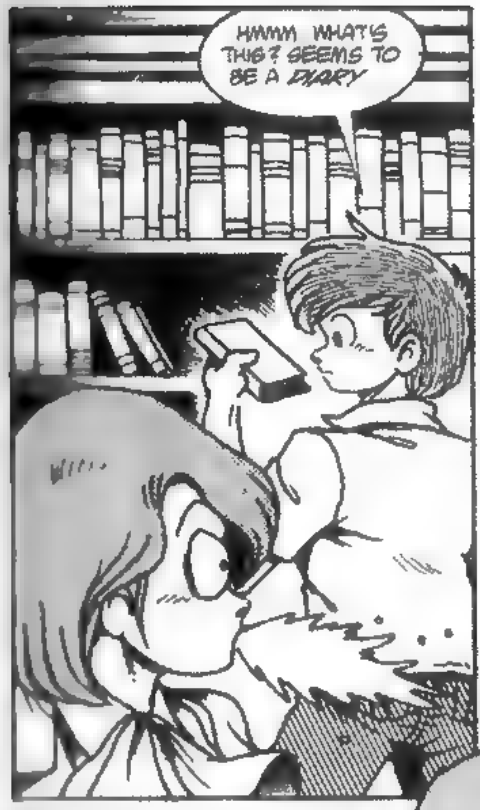

I WONDER IF I'LL HAVE CHILDREN SOMEDAY...

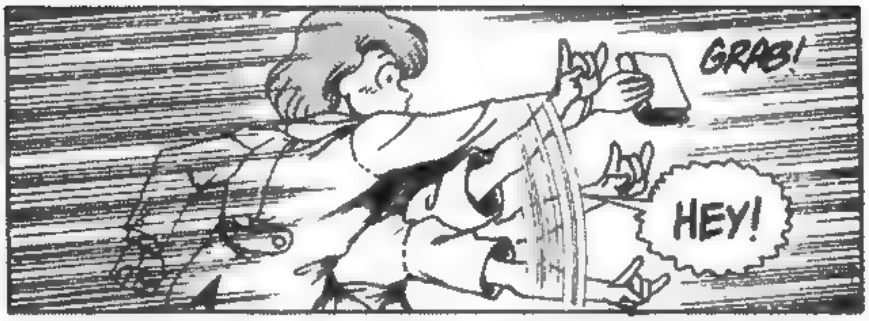
IT'S NOT EASY HAVING TO DECIDE FOR YOURSELF HOW THINGS ARE GOING TO TURN OUT IN LIFE


MOTHER... I WISH YOU WERE HERE TO GIVE ME ADVICE ALL MY TRAINING AND DISCIPLINE CAN'T HELP THE EMPTINESS I FEEL...

THOUGH WE ARE THOUSANDS OF LIGHT YEARS APART, I STILL NEED THE MEMORY OF YOUR LOVE TO HOLD ME TOGETHER...
IT SEEMS THAT IT IS ALL I HAVE

¡SIGH!
COME ALONG, POOKY WE HAVE TO BE AT HER HOUSE SOON
POOKY! POOKY!
JEREMY ?
THANK YOU!
LET ME HELP YOU WITH THAT MS CELANDE!
¡whew!¡
I NEVER REALIZED JUST HOW MANY BOOKS YOU HAVE, MS CELANDE
INDEED..AS LONG AS THERE ARE PEOPLE WITH IDEAS THERE WILL ALWAYS BE BOOKS

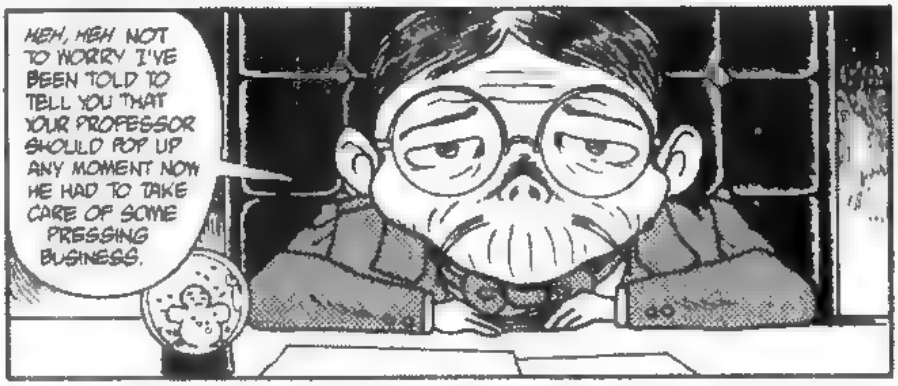

HMMM WHAT'S THIS? SEEMS TO BE A DIARY


GRAB!
HEY!

OH, SORRY JEREMY BUT IT IS MY DIARY AND IT HAS SOME RATHER "PERSONAL" ENTRIES
WELL, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO RUN OVER ME!

LIKE HOW I GOT HERE TO BEGIN WITH
HELLO? ANYONE HERE?

STILL NOT HERE! IT'S BEEN TWELVE WEEKS AND STILL NO WORD FROM THE PROFESSOR
AM I THE ONLY ONE TO HAVE TAKEN THIS COURSE IN "TIME TRAVEL"?
I THINK I SHOULD TELL ONE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS.


HEH, HEH NOT TO WORRY I'VE BEEN TOLD TO TELL YOU THAT YOUR PROFESSOR SHOULD POP UP ANY MOMENT NOW HE HAD TO TAKE CARE OF SOME PRESSING BUSINESS.

WELL, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO IN THE MEAN TIME? AND WHAT ABOUT MY TUITION?
AHEM! ACCORDING TO MY INSTRUCTIONS, YOU ARE TO GO AHEAD AND READ YOUR TEXTS AND DO THE ASSIGNED HOMEWORK AT THE END OF EACH CHAPTER
AND TUITION IS NON-REFUNDABLE, I'M AFRAID

GROWL
GRUMBLE
SO THAT'S ALL I GET TO DO WITH THE REST OF THE SEMESTER, EH? VERY LAME!
I SIGNED UP TO LEARN TO TIME TRAVEL! BY JIGGS, THAT'S WHAT I INTEND TO DO!
?
SOMEONE LEFT THE KEYS IN THE TIME BUBBLE
I WONDER IF I SHOULD..?
AAAAHHH
HMMM.
"IT WASN'T EASY, BUT I GOT THE HANG OF IT."
JEREMY! YOU SHOULDN'T READ BEHIND A GIRL'S BACK!
OOPS. SORRY! I DIDN'T READ MUCH, ANYWAY
SLAM

LET'S HOPE NOT NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, JEREMY I MUST PREPARE FOR MY TRIP.
DON'T FORGET TO LOOK UP WHEN YOU LEAVE
OKAY, MS. CELANDE
HOW STRANGE.. I WONDER WHAT COLLEGE OFFERS "TIME TRAVEL" AS AN ELECTIVE.

CLICK!

JEREMY?

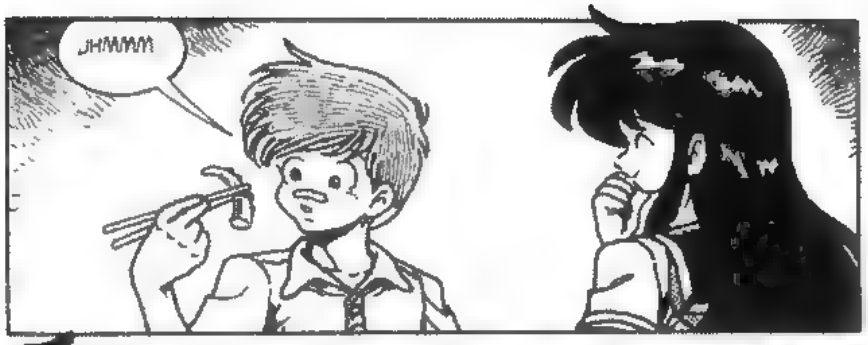
THERE YOU ARE, YOU SILLY BOY!
GRAB!

PAM!

OOHHH...
GOTCHA!
TRYING TO HIDE IS USELESS TO A NINJA AS GOOD AS I AM!

ICHH! I WISH YOU'D STOP DOING THAT!
HOLD STILL.
COME, COME I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU ALL DAY! I'M JUST HAPPY TO FINALLY CATCH UP WITH YOU.
BESIDES, YOU PROMISED TO EAT LUNCH WITH ME...

I MADE A LUNCH JUST FOR YOU PLEASE TRY IT
UH, THANKS, ICHI.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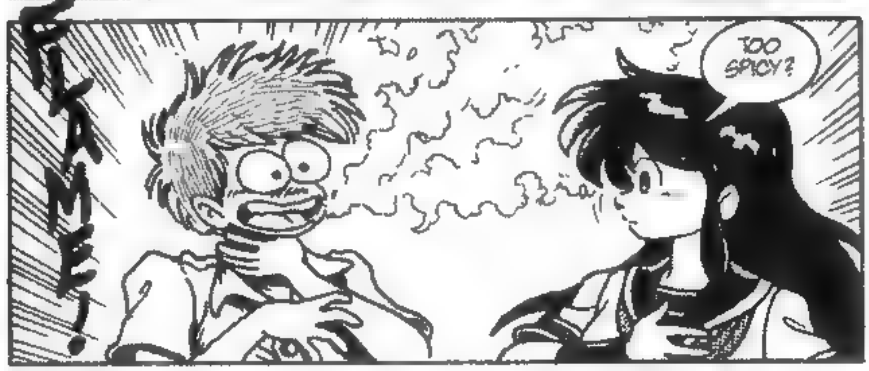
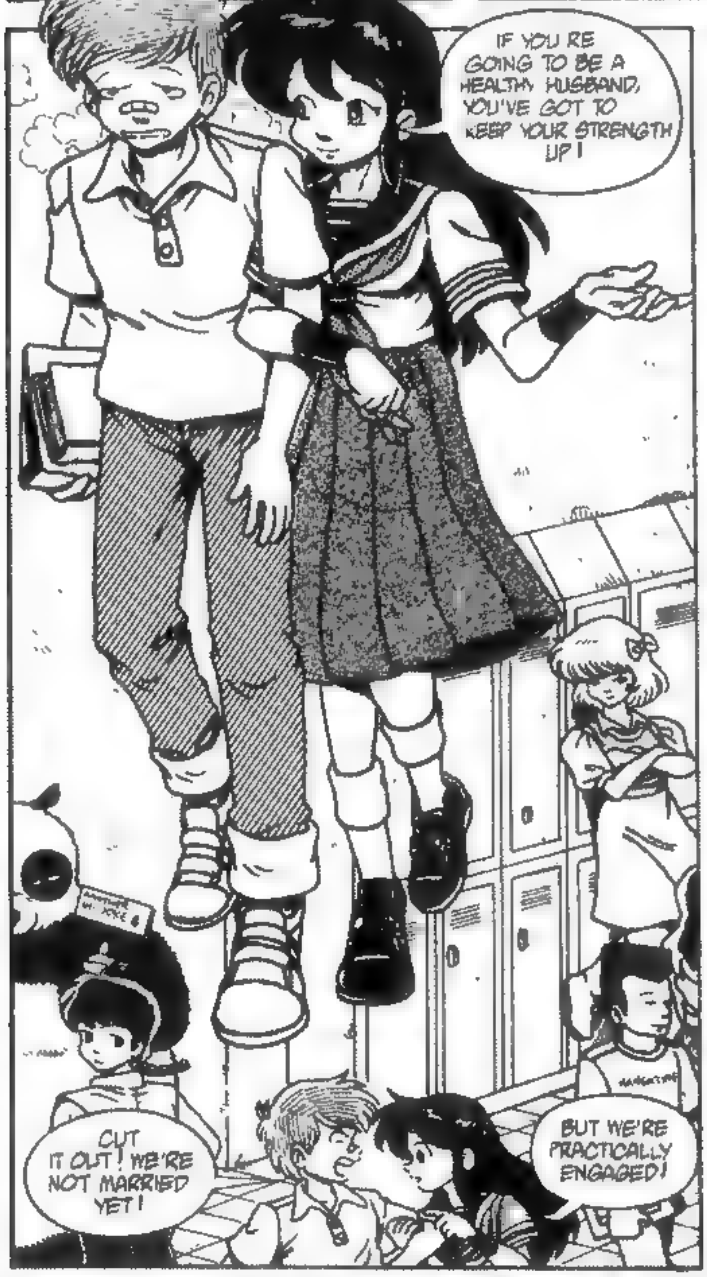
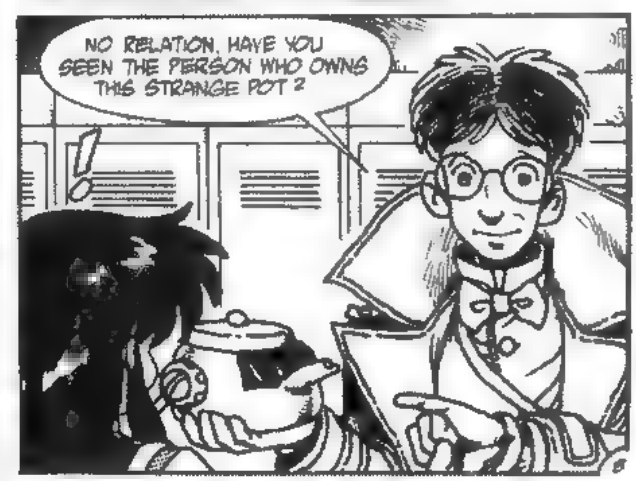

FLAME!
TOO SPICY?


IF YOU RE GOING TO BE A HEALTHY HUSBAND, YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP YOUR STRENGTH UP!
CUT IT OUT! WE'RE NOT MARRIED YET!
BUT WE'RE PRACTICALLY ENGAGED!

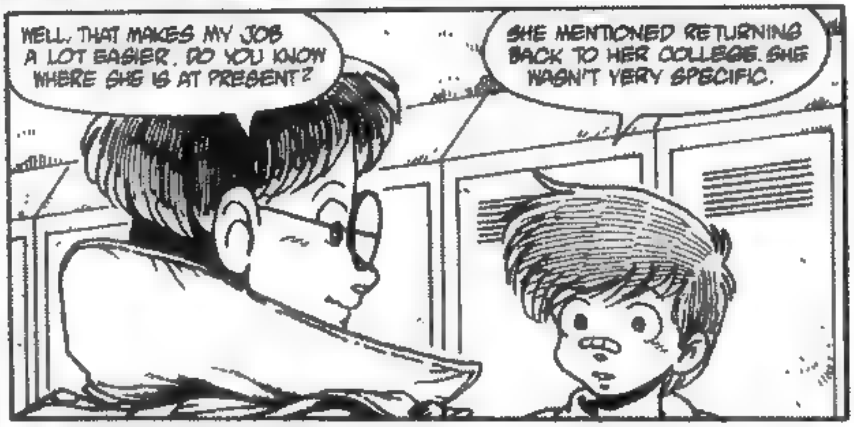
HEH
SOON

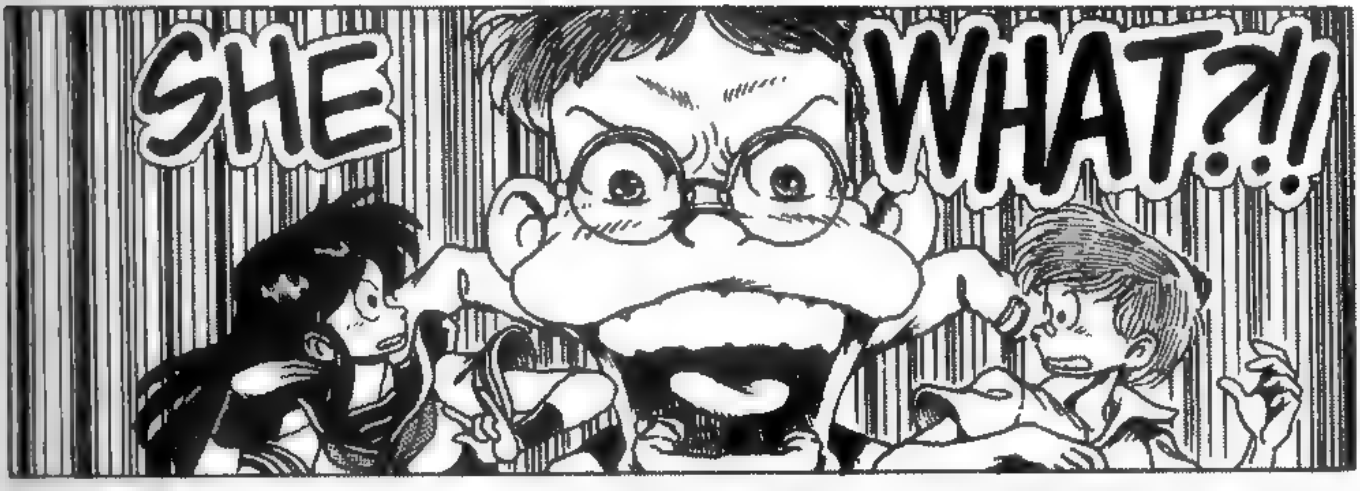
ICHI-KUN ICHINOHEI?
WHO?


NO RELATION. HAVE YOU SEEN THE PERSON WHO OWNS THIS STRANGE POT?

WHAT DOES THIS THING DO?
GOOD QUESTION.
COULD BREW COFFEE, I GUESS

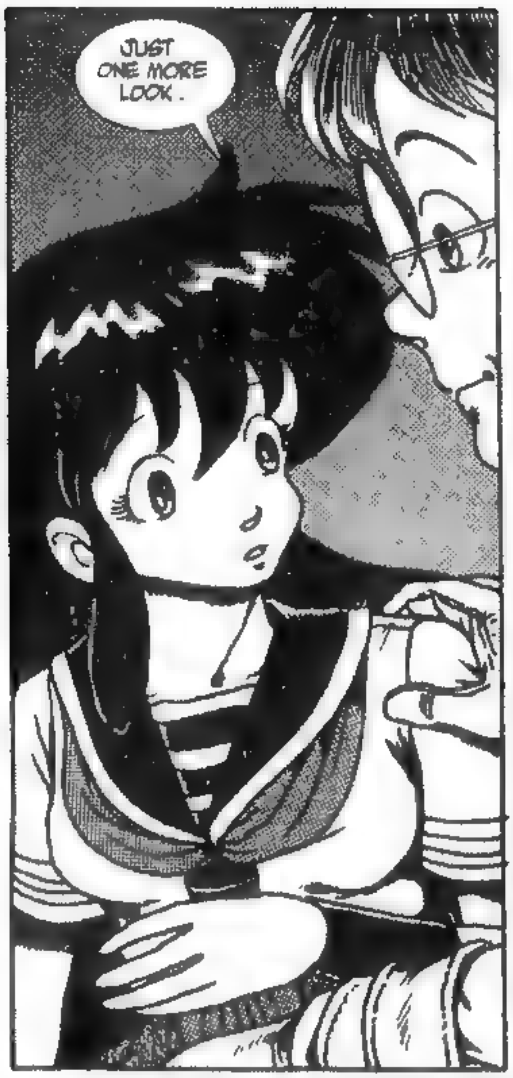
HOW CUTE
IT LOOKS LIKE MS. CELANDE'S SHE OWNS SOME PRETTY BIZARRE STUFF
uh...me dizzy-


WELL, THAT MAKES MY JOB A LOT EASIER. DO YOU KNOW WHERE SHE IS AT PRESENT?
SHE MENTIONED RETURNING BACK TO HER COLLEGE. SHE WASN'T VERY SPECIFIC.


SHE
WHAT?!!

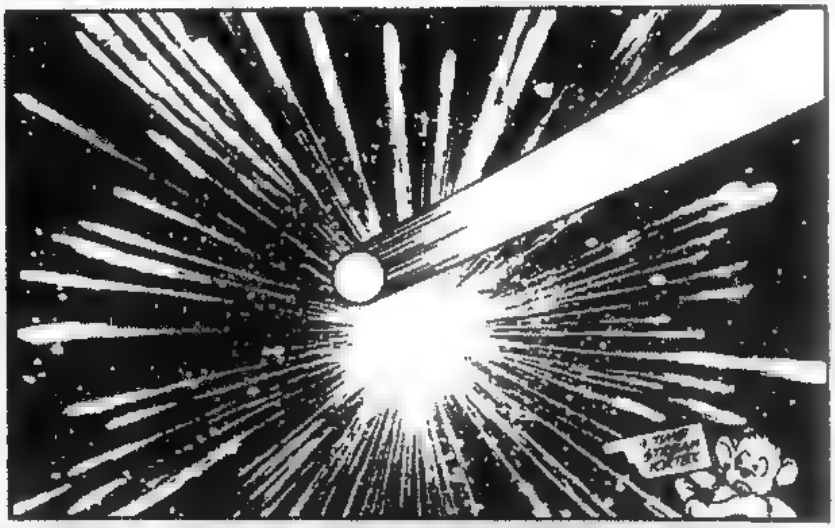
THIS IS THE SEVENTH TIME SHE'S DONE THIS!
CAN'T SHE STAY STILL FOR ONCE?!
I'VE HAD IT UP TO HERE!!...

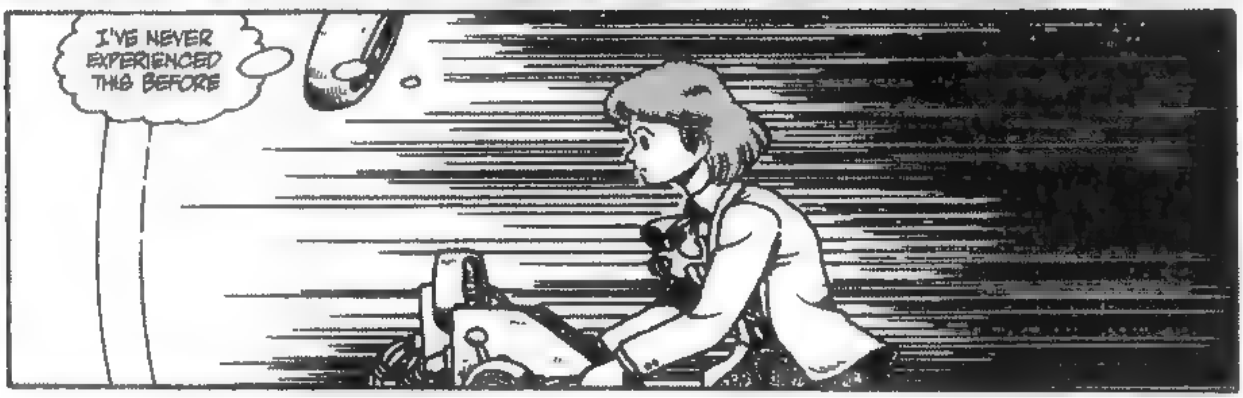
WAIT...WAIT ..LET'S GIVE THIS SOME THOUGHT
SO, SHE'S ALREADY GONE... WELL, THAT'S NOT NEW. TRY TO CATCH HER BEFORE SHE REACHES THE COLLEGE

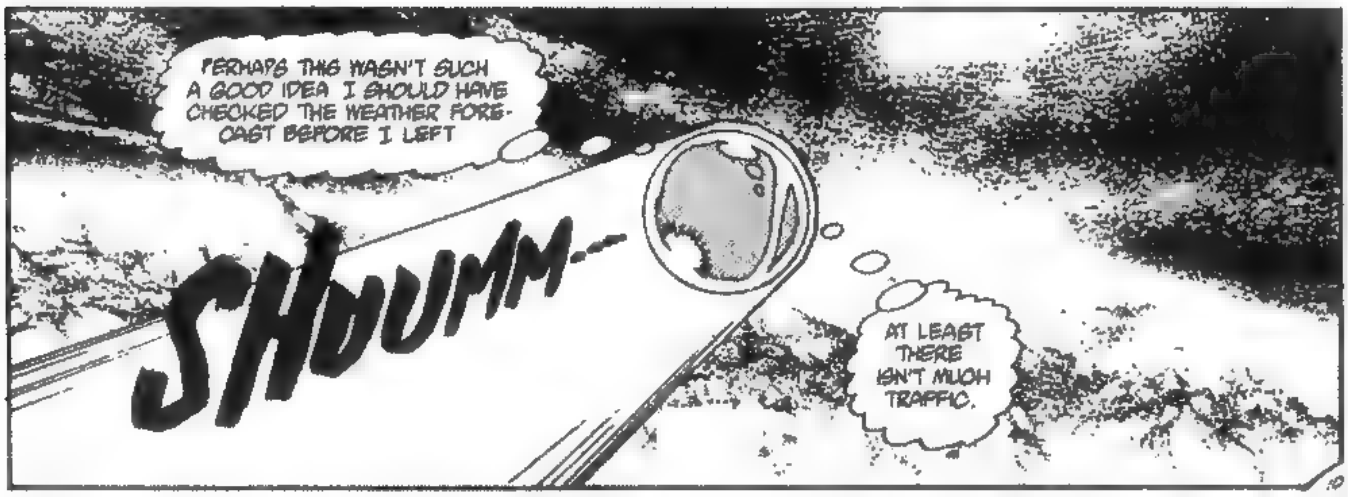

JUST ONE MORE LOOK.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP 'BYE NOW!
WHAT A CHARACTER! DIDN'T EVEN INTRODUCE HIMSELF
SAY, WHAT'S THAT HE GAVE YOU?

IT LOOKS LIKE A... POKI STICK

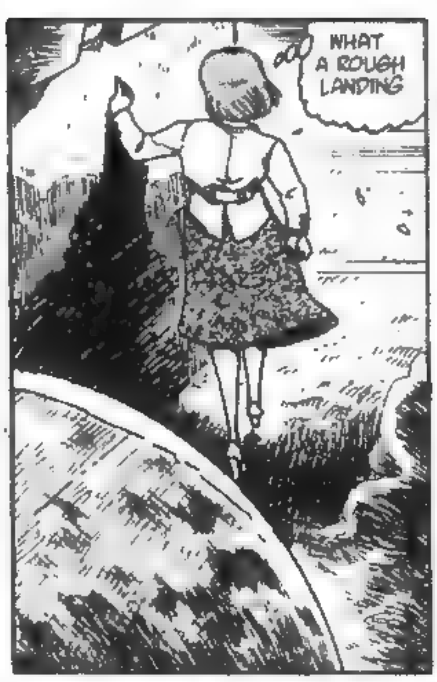



I'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED THIS BEFORE

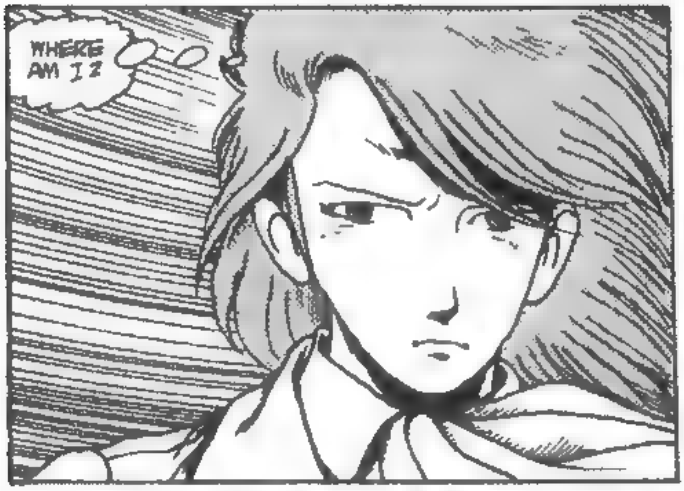

PERHAPS THIS WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA. I SHOULD HAVE CHECKED THE WEATHER FORECAST BEFORE I LEFT
SHUUMM---
AT LEAST THERE ISN'T MUCH TRAFFIC.

MY MY! THIS IS GETTING ROUGH! I MUST BE PASSING THROUGH QUITE A "TIME STORM".
A FATEFUL EVENT IN TIME!
CHA-
GOODNESS!
BOOM
STEERING IS GETTING MORE DIFFICULT
VEEP! VEEP!
WARNING! DANGER! DANGER!
DING! DING!
ALARMS ALL GOING OFF AT ONCE!
IS THIS AS CLOSE AS I GET TO MY TIME PERIOD?
LOOK OUT!!
CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS! HAVE TO LAND A COUPLE OF YEARS BACK!
SHA-KOOM!!

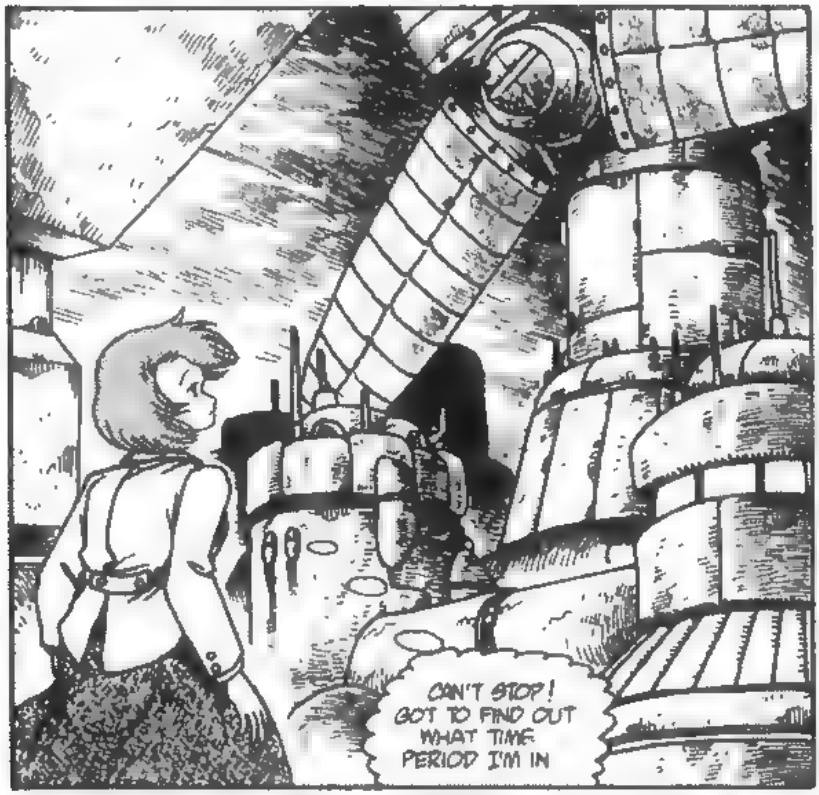
"-04 32 12"
SPLASH!!


WHAT A ROUGH LANDING

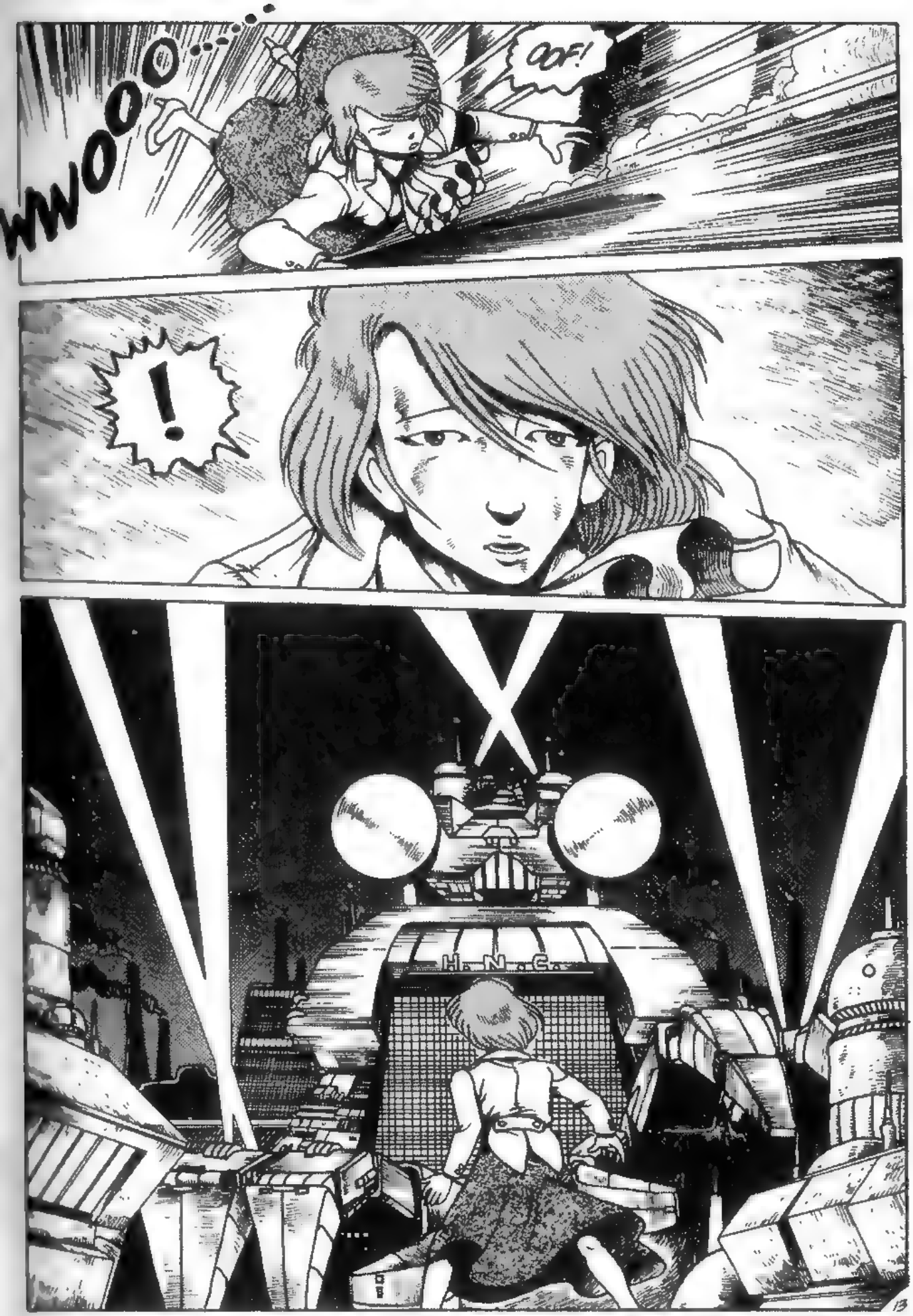
WOOOO--


WHERE AM I?

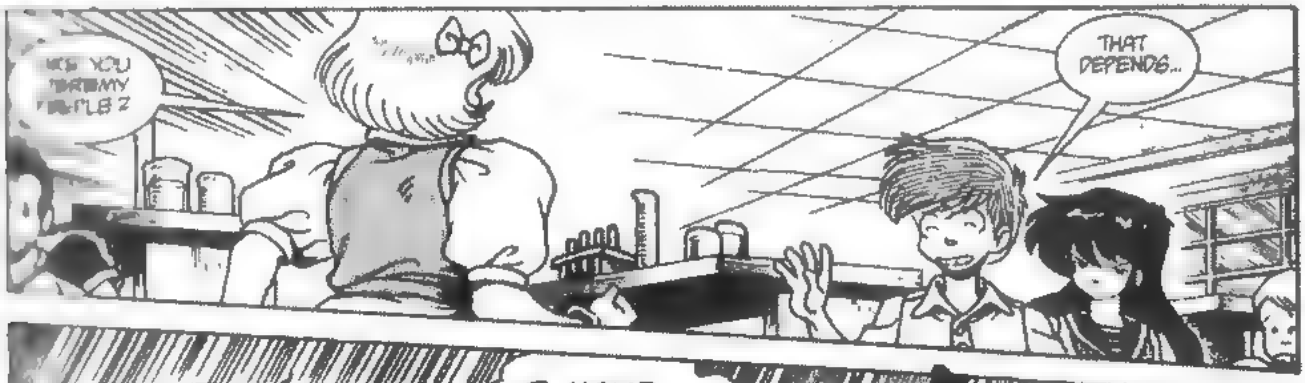
THIS WIND CAN BARELY CATCH MY BREATH...


CAN'T STOP! GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT TIME PERIOD I'M IN

AHHH!
WHOOSSHH!!


WWOOO...
OOF!
!
H. N. C.

S-201
...EQUALS 145 THAT SHOULD BE THE LAST ONE
TAP TAP.
PRINT OUT A HARD COPY AND TURN IT IN FOR ME
S-201
GHHH...
RULE
PAH! EVERY TIME I SEE THEM TOGETHER IT PUZZLES ME
...WHY SHE WOULD PASS UP ALL-POWERFUL, FINANCIALLY WELL-OFF LENDO OF THE RIVALSAN CLAN?
AT LEAST SAMMI TAKES MY MIND OFF OF HER.
COME ALONG, LACKEY
R.N.C.
NOW IS THE TIME...
...BUT IF YOU DO DAT, G(4.5) BECOMES 'N INFINITE LOOP AN' ANSWER ∞0080 BECOMES MEANINGLESS!
NO! NO! NO! ARNIE, YOU FORGOT THE "STEAM ROOT" THAT WOULD DIVIDE THE ROOT BY 4.5! THEN IT WOULD...
DEN G6(m) WOULD COME AN' NEGATE YOUR
NOK NOK



I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU!

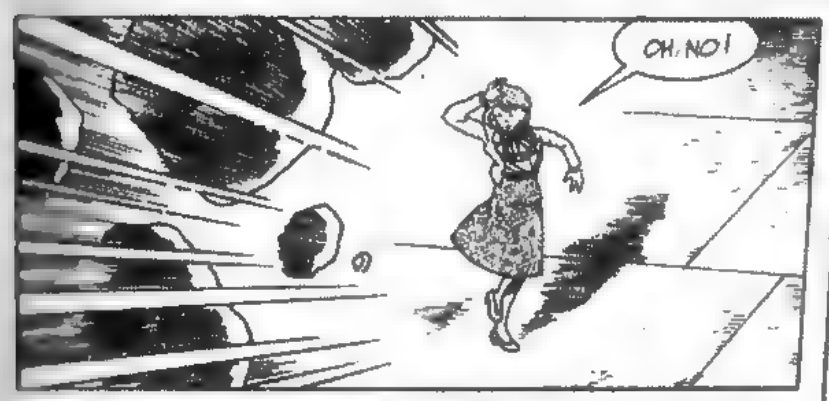
SWING

HEAVE!!

LOOK OUT, JEREMY!
KRASH!
!
YAH!!
WHAM!
NO ONE'S EVER BLOCKED MY FLYING "THUNDER-KICK"! WHO IS SHE?
SURPRISED I SHOULD BLOCK YOUR "THUNDER KICK, ICHI?

SO YOU'RE ARNIE, eh?
DAT'S RIGHT! NOW COME ALONG QUIETLY
SMASH!
WHA'?!
MY, YOU ARE STRONG. JUST LIKE THEY SAID
CROUCH!
SKRAPS....
!
LEAP!

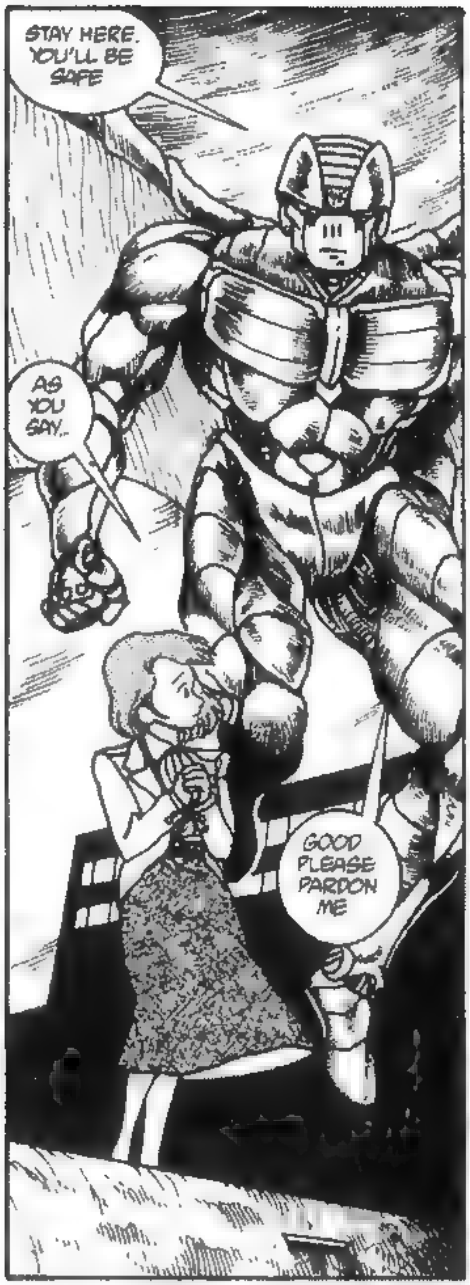
WHA-BOOM!

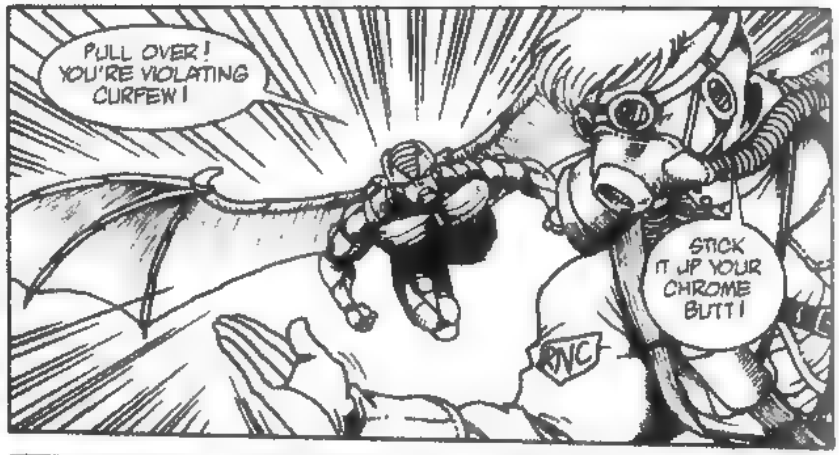

OH, NO!

SNOOP!
SWIM!

JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME! JUVENILES! SOME OF THE PRANKS THEY PULL THESE DAYS

R.N.C. FOREVER!
LONG LIVE THE R.N.C.!
DOWN WITH THE H.N.C.!


STAY HERE. YOU'LL BE SAFE
AS YOU SAY..
GOOD PLEASE PARDON ME


PULL OVER! YOU'RE VIOLATING CURFEW!
STICK IT UP YOUR CHROME BUTT!
RNC

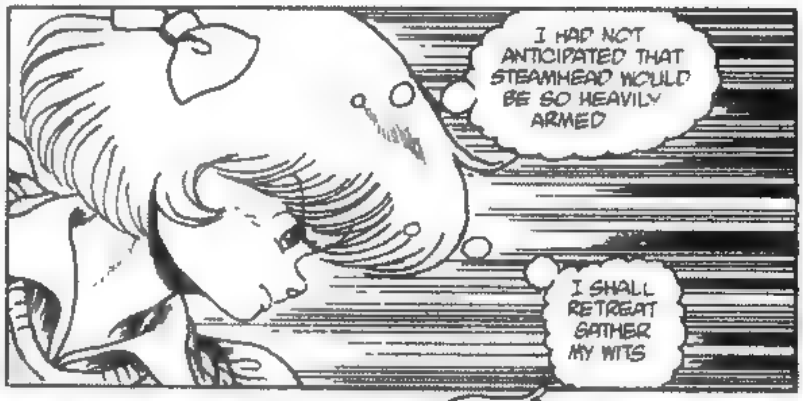
THOSE STREET SIGNS..
ABBEY ST.
ELANOR

"ABBEY STREET" AND "ELANOR ROAD"!
THOSE ARE MY STREETS! MY ACADEMY IS AROUND HERE!

BUT WHERE IS HERE?!
WHERE IS MY WORLD?

KRASH!

COME BACK HERE! NO ONE DISRUPTS MY CLASS!
OW! SHE CAN SURE HIT


I HAD NOT ANTICIPATED THAT STEAMHEAD WOULD BE SO HEAVILY ARMED
I SHALL RETREAT GATHER MY WITS

THAT SHOULD BE FAR ENOUGH
OH, NO YOU DON'T! I GOT YOU NOW!

YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE!
!

STUPID CHILD! YOU'RE THE ONE I WAS SENT AFTER!

HA HA HA HA HA

ONE SIDE! EXECUTIVE COMING THROUGH
ICHI!

ICHI! WHO DID THIS TO YOU?
I DON'T KNOW
SHE WAS VERY TOUGH

AN OUTRAGE! HOW DARE SHE ATTACK A FORMER GIRLFRIEND OF MINE!
IS THERE NO END TO SUCH INJUSTICE?
WHERE'S JEREMY?
R.N.C.

SUCH INDIGNITY CANNOT GO UNPUNISHED! BY ALL THAT BURNS WITHIN MY SOUL, I SHALL SEE THIS STRANGER SUFFER FOR HER FOOLISH ACTIONS!
BY THE SPIRITS OF MY ANCESTORS, I WILL HAVE VENGEANCE OR MY NAME IS NOT RIVALSAN LENDO!
R.N.C.

SPLASH!

LOOK! STEAM!
WE MUST ACT QUICKLY! IF SHE HAS JEREMY, NO TELLING WHAT SHE'LL DO TO HIM!

THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE STILL HERE
UNIVERSITY OF QUAGMIRE

I STILL REMEMBER EVERYTHING THIS HALLWAY SHOULD LEAD ME
CLASS CLOSE

YES! THIS IS THE ROOM I ATTENDED FOR MY TIME TRAVELING CLASS!
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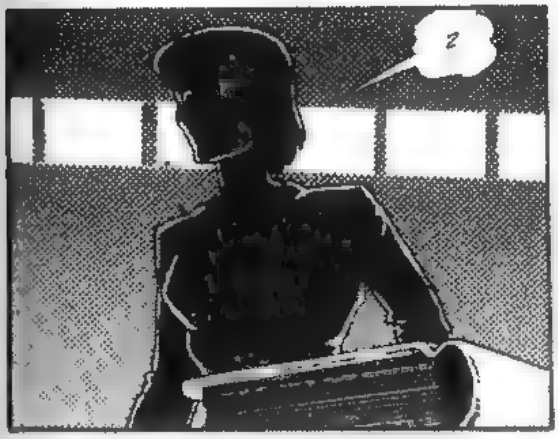
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

IT'S ANOTHER TIME BUBBLE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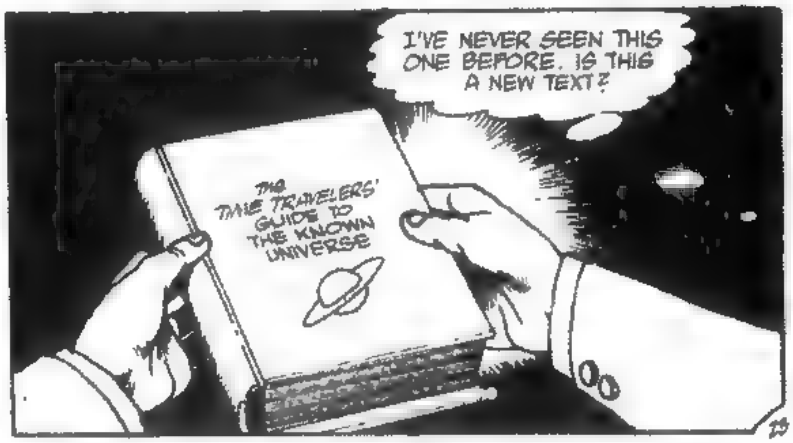
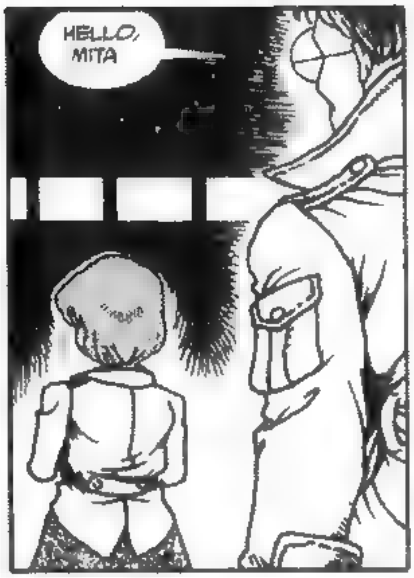
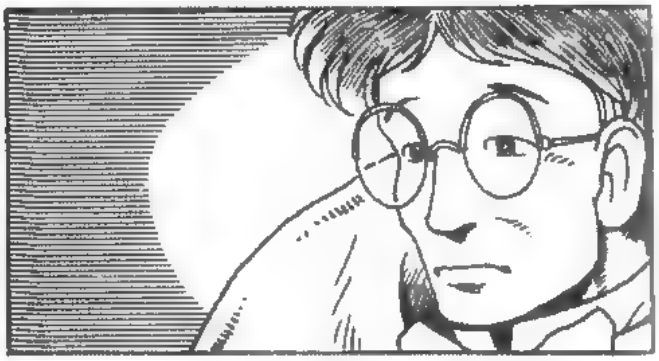

I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS ONE BEFORE. IS THIS A NEW TEXT?
THE TIME TRAVELERS' GUIDE TO THE KNOWN UNIVERSE

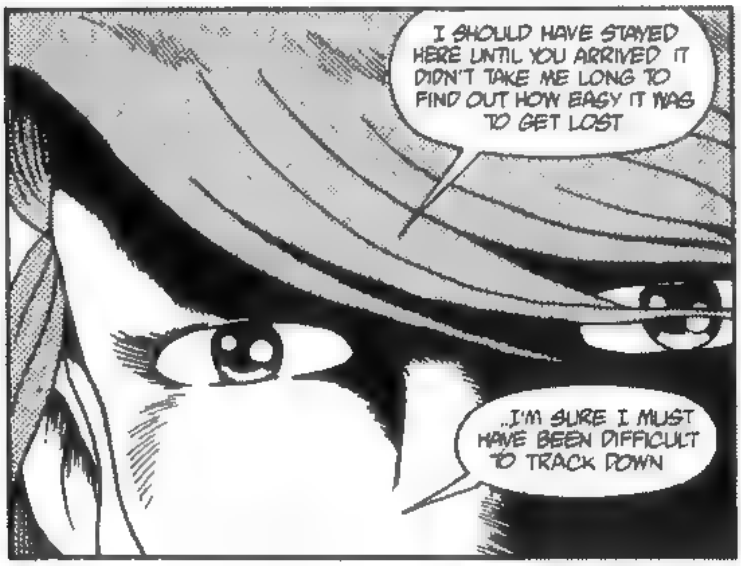
A NOTE INSIDE...
"DEAR PROFESSOR AZLAND. I'VE DECIDED TO GO ON A FIELD TRIP I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND TAKING ONE OF " THIS IS MY NOTE !


HELLO, MITA

I THOUGHT I'D NEVER FIND YOU

PROFESSOR




I SHOULD HAVE STAYED HERE UNTIL YOU ARRIVED IT DIDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO FIND OUT HOW EASY IT WAS TO GET LOST
...I'M SURE I MUST HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO TRACK DOWN

WELL, IT WASN'T EASY, THAT'S FOR SURE
CARE FOR A POKI ?
KRUNCH!

YES, WELL I'M PARTLY TO BLAME, I GUESS. AT LEAST YOU HAD THE GOOD TASTE TO SIGN UP FOR MY COURSE
IT'S ODD THAT WE START OFF WITH BUSINESS I EXPECTED SOMETHING LIGHT-HEARTED
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY. I FAILED AS A STUDENT
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT. YOU HAD THE GUTS TO LEARN. THERE ARE JUST SOME THINGS ONE MUST LEARN FOR ONESELF
ALL SOME STUDENTS CARE ABOUT IS HOW MUCH MONEY THEY'LL MAKE WHEN THEY GET OUT OF SCHOOL
VERY FEW ARE STUDENTS IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD
ALLOW ME TO WELCOME YOU BACK
PROFESSOR IS THIS OUR WORLD?
NOT EXACTLY THIS WORLD WAS THE RESULT OF A ZEALOUS SCIENTIST WHO MANIPULATED HIS OPENLY GRIEVING SUPERIOR
THEN TOOK CONTROL OF HIS COMPANY. AFTERWARDS BETRAYED EARTH TO AN ALIEN EMPIRE. THEN HE TOOK WHAT HE HAD AND LEFT TO EXPLOIT TIME.
THERE'S SO MUCH SADNESS HERE
THAT IS TRUE.

BUT HOW COULD THIS BE? WHEN I LEFT, IT WAS A UTOPIA OF KNOWLEDGE!
HUMAN NATURE RARELY CHANGES.
"IN OUR TIME-LINE, I CAME BACK TO THE COLLEGE ABOUT ONE MINUTE AFTER YOU LEFT. SINCE YOU WERE MY ONLY STUDENT, THE ADMINISTRATORS TOLD ME TO FIND YOU OR THEY'D SHUT MY CLASS DOWN..."
"NOW, TRYING TO FIND SOMEONE THROUGH TIME IS NO EASY TASK. SINCE I INVENTED THE TIME BUBBLES, I KNEW THAT EACH TIME MACHINE LEFT A SPECIFIC RESIDUE THAT I COULD TRACK. UNFORTUNATELY, THE DEVICE I USED COULD NOT BE PRECISE, SINCE OTHER BITS OF INTERFERENCE COULD SCATTER THE RESIDUE. BUT IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO FIND YOU. I HAD TO STOP WHENEVER I COULD AND HOPE I WOULD FIND YOU..."
"ONE DAY I STUMBLED ON A BUSINESS MEETING..."
"THEY SEEMED NICE ENOUGH AND OFFERED TO HELP ME DEVELOP A MORE ACCURATE TRACKER. LITTLE DID I KNOW THEIR TRUE MOTIVES..."
"APPARENTLY, THEY NEEDED MY TIME BUBBLE IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THEIR EXISTENCE. THE VITAL POINT WAS A SPECIFIC TIME IN A TOWN CALLED QUAGMIRE. I BECAME WISE TO THEM AND ESCAPED. BUT BY THAT TIME, THEY HAD ALL THE ELEMENTS THEY NEEDED TO BUILD THEIR OWN TIME MACHINES..."

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